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OUR BIG APPLE SHOW ANNUAL

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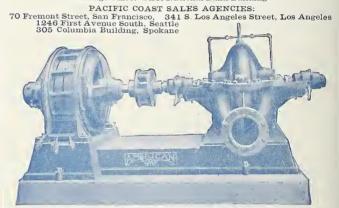
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The Northwestern Fruit Exchange

calls attention, on January 1st, to the following minimum and maximum prices obtained for the Cashmere Fruit Growers' Union, and Rogue River Fruit Growers' Association, respectively, for the crop season of 1911. These prices were, in ALL CASES, f.o.b. shipping point. They cover all sizes, from 3-tier to 5-tier inclusive, in each grade. They cover all sales made for the associations mentioned. Some changes will be observed as between the prices shown below and those shown in December issue of "Better Fruit":

VARIETY	EXTRA FANCY	FANCY	CHOICE
Arkansas Black	.\$1.75 to \$2.10	\$1.60 to \$1.75	\$1.00 to \$1.35
Black Ben Davis	. 1.35 to 1.50	1.15 to 1.25	1.25
Black Twig	. 1.40 to 1.60	1.15 to 1.30	1.25
Champion	. 1.50	1.35	1.00
Chicago	. 1.50	1.35	1.00
Commerce	. 1.60	1.50	1.00 to 1.25
Gano	. 1.25		
Grimes Golden	. 1.40 to 1.60	1:25	
Hoover Red	. 1.35 to 1.50		
Jonathan	. 1.40 to 1.75	1.15 to 1.50	.90 to 1.35
Rome Beauty	. 1.50 to 1.75	1.35 to 1.50	1.00
Spitzenberg	. 2.00, \$2.10, \$2.25	1.75 and 2.00	1.25 to 1.50
Stayman Winesap	. 1.50 to \$1.75	1.25 to 1.50	1.00 to 1.50
Winesap	. 2.00	1.75	1.25
White Winter Pearmain.	. 1.60		
Winter Banana	. 2.25		1.25
Yellow Newtown	. 2.10		1.15 to 1.50

The Exchange, in response to many inquiries on the subject, advises the following average time between date of shipment and date of remittance in full to its members, from Portland:

These figures represent the entire shipments for the season, made and delivered.

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Below are cited a few instances of property now on the market. There are dozens of others similar to them.

120 ACRES, \$15.00 PER ACRE

High grade apple land, two miles from Stuart's Draft, Virginia, and overlooking the town. Lies nicely; well watered and well drained. Every foot available for orchard. In the celebrated Shenandoah Valley—right at the largest apple shipping station in Virginia. Bargain at this price.

700 ACRES, \$7.50 PER ACRE

Excellent apple and general farming land and comfortable dwelling, within one mile of nice town and depot on N. & W. R. R. 200 acres cleared and good road direct to town. Well watered by springs and streams. A big bargain for milds calls

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About 4,500 trecs, 8 to 30 years old. Albemarle Pippins and Winesaps, all in fine condition and bearing good crops. Improvements consist of cold storage plant, dwelling, cottage, barns and other buildings. Also live stock, harnesses, wagons and general farm cquipment, 5,000 apple boxes, wrappers, labels, etc. Conservative estimate of next year's crop is \$15,000, judged from condition of trees, buds, etc. A close corporation and stock all held by three or four men, who will sacrifice at \$35,000 in order to devote themselves to other business interests. A very special bargain at this figure.

Write for further information and a copy of our Special Bulletin of large undeveloped tracts suitable for orchard purposes.

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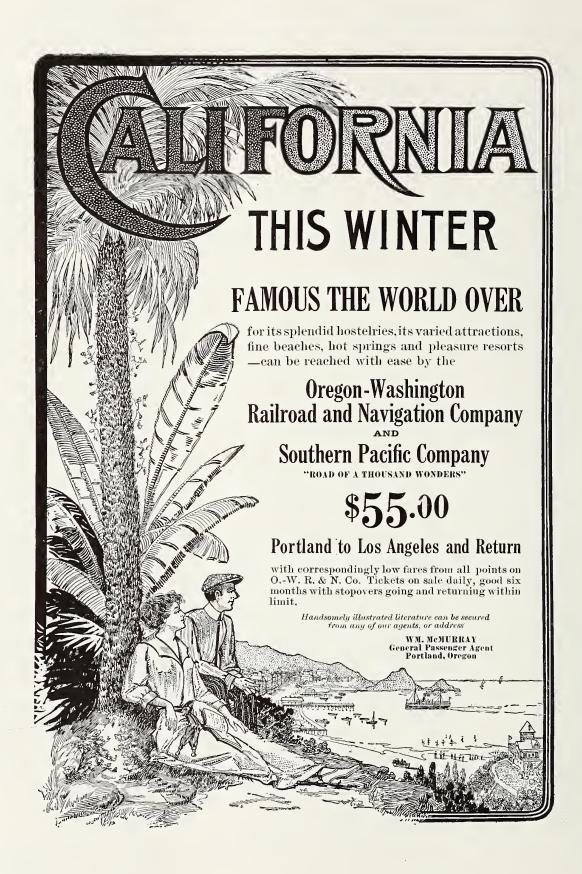
You will like it here. The delightful atmosphere and the charming social environment that prevails everywhere in this Southern section are particularly noticeable in Virginia. Our good roads, fine schools and churches, congenial neighbors and delightful climate all make life worth living, and we want to have the opportunity of welcoming you here in the Old Dominion.

This opportunity, due to special causes, is rapidly passing by. Prices are rising and it would be well for you to investigate while prices are extremely low.

Write now, while you think of it, for beautifully illustrated Quarterly Magazine, "THE SOUTHERN HOMESEEKER," illustrated booklet "Virginia, the Home of the Apple," and a large assortment of other attractive literature, with maps, exeursion rates, etc.

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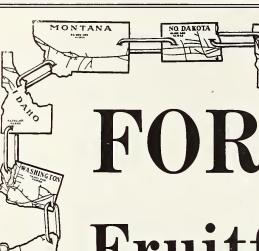
A postal card brings you our new 64-page catalog; giving a detailed description of the construction of our Triplex and twenty other hand and power sprayers; new spraying devices, etc.

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FORTUNES



Fruitful Northwest



Big Victory for Apples

The New York Apple Show for 1911 resulted in another big victory for Northwestern apples. Eleven out of twelve of the highest prize scorings went to Northwestern states, the Yakima Valley coming in a strong first prize winner. Mrs. Ella D. Rowland, of Zillah, Washington, won the Northern Pacific Railway First Prize of \$500 in gold

\$500 in gold.

The results prove that the Northwest produces the finest fruit in the world.



Where Are the Best Apples Grown?

Apples Grown?

Unquestionably they are grown in the Northwest. The Eastern markets pay the highest prices for fruit from Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon.

As a matter of detail, in Washington are the noted Yakima, Wenatchce, Kittitas, Columbia River, White Salmon, Palouse, Spokane, and Snake River Valleys.

In Oregon there are the Rogue River, Umpqua, Willamette, Columbia River and Hood River fruit districts.

Idaho has the rapidly developing Lewiston-Clarkston and Clearwater country.

Montana claims the Flathead, Bitter Root, Clark Fork and Yellowstone Valleys.

In these districts is grown the highest quality of fruit, particularly apples, of which the world has knowledge, and to them came the most of the New York Show fruit prizes.

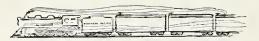


Note Well This Fact

From 1850 to 1897, experts aver, the population of the country increased 270 per cent, and the consumption of fruit increased 2,000 per cent, and yet the prices of fruit are higher today than in 1850.

Further: notwithstanding this tremendous increase in consumption, the production of fruit has steadily diminished for 15 years. In 1896 there were produced 69,000,000 barrels of apples; in 1911 the estimated production is 28,600,000 barrels.

Can you see any over-production in this?



The Land of Fortune

The Northern Pacific culls its territory "The Land of Fortune." When you know what farmers and fruit growers have done in this fertile territory, you will agree that it is not misnamed.



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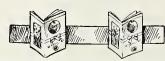
This "Land of Fortune" raises something more in the fruit line than apples. There are peaches, pears, plums, prunes, grapes, etc. In the vegetable line it raises mammoth mealy potatocs, sugar beets, tomatoes, watermelons, cantaloupes, lettuce, celery, etc. A Washington fruit grower, from 4 acres of Jonathan apples, in 1911 netted \$553 an acre. Another man recently netted \$1,300 from 9 acres of watermelons growing between young fruit trees. A quarter of an acre of lettuce netted another man \$400. On irrigated land in the Yellowstone Valley of Montana a former postoffice clerk took, gross, \$7,000 in sugar beets from his 40-acre farm. Another Montana "dry land" farmer, from a 40-acre field of Turkey Red wheat, reaped 21 bushels an acre, and still another one took from a half-acre potato patch on a steep sidehill large tons of "sands" A Minneother one took from a half-acre potato patch on a steep sidehill three tons of "spuds." A Minne-sota farmer shipped a carload of potatoes recently to market and the product of 2% acres netted him \$447.45 after paying freight.

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The Northern Pacific has so styled the Apple. We have a book of this title, and a most intensely interesting book it is. Another one is called "Apple Growing in the Northwest." After reading them you'll see the Northwest as an apple growing region in a new light. Maybe you'll begin to think about the matter seriously as an opportunity worth looking into. There's good orchard land still to be had—some high priced, some medium, some low. You can buy a young orchard or you can set out your own, suiting yourself as to the kind of fruit you'll grow.



NOW

Here's a coupon that will start it. Limber up your Waterman. Clip the Slip. Grapple with the Apple. Do it NOW.



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The Scenic Highway Through the Land of Fortune



The Kimball Cultivator

maintains this high state of cultivation in the orchards on the Morrisania Ranch near Grand Valley, Colorado, owned by the Fruit Grower, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Smoothing Land for Irrigation

As an implement for smoothing land for irrigation, the Kimball Cultivator has perhaps no equal, since it cultivates the soil and smooths it at one operation. Many fruit growers who practice irrigation use a drag or float to smooth their soil previous to running irrigation furrows, and this work is of little or no value in cultivating the soil—it simply smooths the surface, so that irrigation furrows can be better made. If the soil is not smoothed, there is often great trouble from the water breaking over or through the furrows. When the furrows are made in smooth soil there is likely to be little trouble experienced.

At Morrisania Ranch, near Grand Valley, Colorado, the land has a rather heavy slope, and irrigation is best

practiced with the furrows running diagonally with the slope. If the furrows are run in rough soil, there is always a tendency for the water to break through the furrows and run straight down the hill. Formerly the soil was dragged just before the furrows were run, to smooth the soil properly. This was extra work, for the smoothing process was of little benefit otherwise.

During the season of 1911 we bought two Kimball Cultivators from W. A. Johnston, The Dalles, Oregon, and did away with the use of the float altogether. Our method was to use disc harrows after the irrigation, just as soon as the soil was dry enough. This cultivation filled in the furrows and made a mulch to hold the moisture. Within a week or ten days weed seeds sprouted and another cultivation was needed, and here the Kimball Cultivator was used. It killed the weeds, made a perfect dust mulch, and left the soil in ideal condition for the irrigation furrows. If weeds started again before irrigation was needed, another cultivation was given with the Kimball, and the soil was still left just right for the best irrigation furrows to be run when needed.

We were much pleased with the Kimball Cultivator, as a weed-killer, a thorough cultivator and leveler, and as a saver of time. One good man covered a great deal of ground, using one good team. The cultivator works up close to the trees, leaves the soil level and smooth, with just the right kind of dust mulch, and, altogether, we were much pleased with the Kimball and its work. Our crop at Morrisania was a very good one, the apples being of high quality; trees made a very vigorous growth, and there was no skinning of trunks or limbs by the cultivator. In soil which is not stony, the Kimball Cultivator cannot be beaten, where one does not allow the weeds to gct too large, and it is especially adapted to use in irrigated orchards for the reasons given in this article.

JAMES M. IRVINE,

Editor The Fruit-Grower, St. Joseph, Missouri.

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That You Could Run with the Engine You Already Have; Here It Is, and It's Well Worth Waiting For Too!

Heretofore, in order to have a power sprayer at all, you've had to do one of two things-get one from the makers, all complete, engine and all, or else rig up a pump as best you could to the engine you already have. This latter course OUGHT to have worked all right, but it frequently DIDN'T—because the pumps generally supplied weren't especially designed for the work. But the DEMAND has kept growing, and so, during 1911, we looked carefully into the situation, decided that there

was a big field for such a machine, and set to work in a thorough-going way to bring out a pump that would really answer the purpose. And here it is-The Deming "Figure 765" Power Spraying Outfit.

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Take a good look at this picture. Notice how stout and substantial the pump is—every inch of it planned earefully, and figured over and over again. It is made on a rigid framework of east iron and weighs about 200 pounds. We do not think there is an unnecessary ounce of metal anywhere about it, and the weight is distributed so the machine is well-balanced. It stands 25 inches high to the top of air chamber, and is about 35 inches by 14 inches over all. It can be operated by any engine of 2 horsepower

Pump and engine are connected by a belt which cannot jump off. We furnish pulley and belt, and a spring idler which always keeps the belt just right—not so tight as to waste power nor so loose as to jump off and make trouble. The gear wheels are accurately cut.

Strong and Substantial and Durable, But Not Clumsy

—that's the way we would describe the Deming "Figure 765." The cross-head is GUIDED ABOVE AND BELOW—no matter how much of a sidewise pull it got, it couldn't go in any direction but STRAIGHT BACK AND FORTH. That means the plunger can be fitted snug and close in the cylinder. Another good point is the good-sized air chamber. This gives plenty of buoyaney or "spring" to the pumping, and holds the pressure steady.

The Deming "Figure 765" has connections for 4 leads of hose, each with separate cut-off cock. It has automatic relief valve and standard pressure gauge, registering up to 400 pounds. The working parts are of REAL BRASS. Pistons, valves, cylinder linings—all parts where liquid touches. Iron or steel will rust out, but brass cannot; iron costs less, but brass is more economical.

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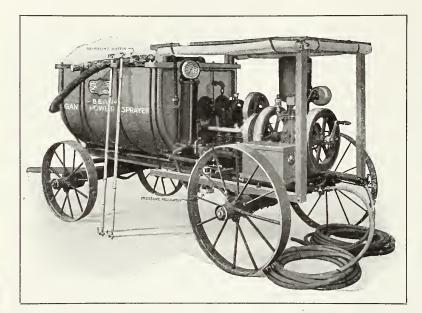
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It is applicable to all orchards—and invariably increases the profits. Many growers already know the secret. Many more soon will. Here it is-

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First year's care	15.00	
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First year's products (net)	\$20.00	
Second year's products (net)	35.00	
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A Pump—of sufficient capacity under slow speed.

An Agitator—to keep mixture well stirred so that it cannot clog pipes and nozzles.

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Automatic Brushes with Mechanical Agitators furnished with Empire King Barrel Pump and Watson-Ospraymo Potato Sprayer, also with Leader-Triplex Gasoline Engine Machines of

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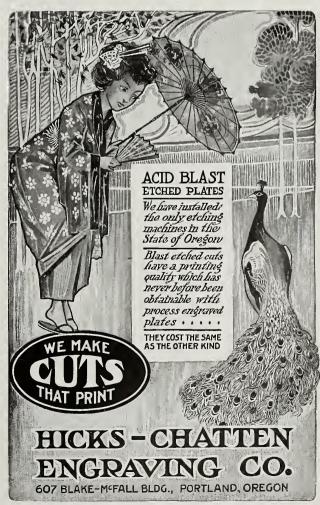
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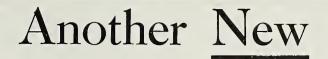
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Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, Washington

By August Wolf of Spokanc

HEN the Fourth National Apple Show and the Enakops jubilee closed in Spokane the night of Thanksgiving day with the unmasking of King Apple IV, in the person of former United States Senator George Turner, and the playing of "Auld Lang Syne" by massed bands the preliminary work was begun by the board of trustees, headed by E. F. Cartier Van Dissel, for the fifth annual competitive exposition, which probably will be housed in a permanent structure, to be completed in time for the 1912 exhibition. Broad in scope and comprehensive as was the show and accompanying entertainment, November 23 to 30, it is officially announced that the coming exposition will be more in keeping with its name, plans being under way to secure displays from every state and province in America. The show just closed was successful in every way. There were not as many exhibits as in 1910, but the displays were arranged in such a way as to give the prospective orchardist as well as the experienced grower a better opportunity to study the educational features. The temporary structure, 200 by 525 feet, with two annexes each 90 by 100 feet, afforded ample room for the proper display of all exhibits. The work of the board of judges, consisting of C. J. Sinsel of Boise, Idaho; James Gibb of Kelowna, British Columbia, and H. J. Eustace of East Lansing. Michigan, was highly satisfactory, and they and Ren H. Rice, secretary of the show, and his assistants received praise on all sides.

The Enakops carnival, under the direction of a general committee headed by Charles Hebberd, was the means of uniting more closely the commercial and industrial interests of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, many communities of which were represented by growers, princesses of the empire and band organizations. This was emphasized in the closing address by Ex-Senator Turner, who said in part: "Being a king, the thing that struck me of first importance is the extraordinary splendor attendant upon my coronation. There has been nothing like it since the coronation of my royal brother, King George of England. While there has perhaps not been the solemnity that is characteristic of the more prosaic kingdoms, perhaps it may be accounted for by the influences of cider that are with the Kingdom of Apple. In the Apple Kingdom we all live in a care free atmosphere. In this

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kingdom there is no one who would murder the high officials or steal the royal jewelry. There is no one to plot

against the dynasty, and therefore the spirit that moves us is one of joyousness. So we boldly and joyously proclaim: 'On with the dance, let joy be unconfined.' I want to speak of the splendid court that has surrounded King Apple. The princesses and the dignitaries have presented a galaxy of beauty and dignity beyond comparison, and your king is more favored in this way than any of the other crowned heads. It will be my task, as well as my pleasure, to see that the young ladies of our royal court contract happy matrimonial alliances, that the Kingdom of Apple may ever live and be surrounded by such loyalty. It gives me great pleasure to especially commend Prime Minister Van Dissel, Secretary of State Rice and Field Marshals Hebberd and Slater. May the Kingdom of Apple long have the benefit of their wise counsel and the support of their strengthening arms in times of rejoicing. There is no reason why the territory of the Columbia and



Otis Orchards (Washington) Commercial Club display, winning the first prize of \$200 for the most original and attractive display, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, Washington, November 23-30, 1911



A model apple orchard made of sugar and exhibited by the Northern Pacific Railway, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23-30, 1911

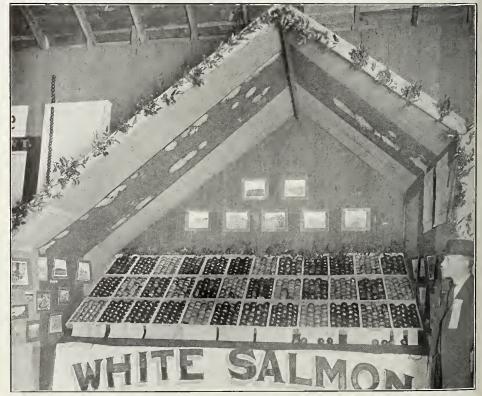
its tributaries should not continue to be the first apple kingdom in the world to the end of posterity. And beautiful Spokane, located in the center of this kingdom, is the natural capital, possessing as it does a generous people who pour out their money like water to make the advantages of the kingdom known to all the world. As ruler of this empire, I give to them unstinted praise for what they have done. In a kingdom the word of the king is final, and I tell you now that the Fourth National Apple Show has been an unqualified success and has been of immeasurable benefit to the apple empire of the Pacific Northwest. In a perfect kingdom the king never dies. The individual may die, but there is a succession to the throne. So I now close this formal ceremony with the declaration, 'The king is dead; long live the king.'" Mr. Turner retired amidst prolonged applause, the audience in the auditorium standing. Afterward Mr. Turner, accompanied by Mrs. Turner, inspected the various displays and complimented the exhibitors upon the excellence of their fruit and the happy arrangements of the booths.

The week's festivities began with the formal opening of the show at 10:30 o'clock the morning of November 23, the day's program including the dedication of Monroe Street bridge, a \$500,000 structure, which has the largest single span (281 feet) of concrete in the world. This was followed by band concerts in the afternoon, and the official and military parade in honor of King Apple in the evening. Afterward the king and princesses, representing thirty-five communities in the Inland Empire, and members of the court visited the show grounds. Other features of the week were: Princesses' Day, November 24.—Decorated automobile parade, street concerts, official welcoming of the princesses of the empire and their Spokane hostesses, and the coronation ball in the Hall of the Doges. Royal Industry Day, November 25.—Parade of industries in the Inland Empire, street amusements, flight of 2,500 illuminated balloons and theatre parties for princesses and hostesses. Inland Empire Day, November 27.-Parade with Inland Empire floats, accompanied by twenty-seven bands from Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, concerts by six hundred and eighteen musicians, under the direction

of M. B. Compton, and the kirmess dances. Fraternal Order Day, November 28.—Sham battle at Monroe Street bridge, seven companies of federal troops in command of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles W. Penrose, U. S. A., commandant at Fort George Wright; coronation of King Pip and initiation of Inland Empire mayors by the Mystic Order of Enakops, parade of fraternal orders, six thousand men in line; banquets for princesses and hostesses and the official representatives of Northwestern delegations. Mardis Gras, November 29.—Street pageants and four masquerade balls, princesses, "Seeing Spokane" automobile trip. Thanksgiving Day, November 30.—Championship packing contest, revealing of King Apple and closing address.

The principal streets were decorated with miles of flags, pennants, bunting and apple shields, and twenty-five thousand red, blue and yellow incandescent globes were added to the electric illumination of Riverside Avenue and Browne Street. The office and store buildings in the business district were also in gala day attire, and in every other way the city gave itself over to the glorification of the emperor of fruit. The weather was ideal. There were thousands of visitors from all parts of the Northwest, also officials of horticultural societies and official representatives of the United States and Canadian governments, among the latter being William H. Bunting of St. Catharines, Ontario, delegated by the Department of Agriculture of the Dominion of Canada to visit the show on his tour of the Northwest.

Idaho carried off the chief honors in the carload competition, the Knapp entry winning first on Wagener, also



White Salmon display at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23 to 30, 1911



Exhibit made by Mr. Taggard under the auspices of the Waitsburg Commercial Club, Waitsburg, Washington, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23-30, 1911

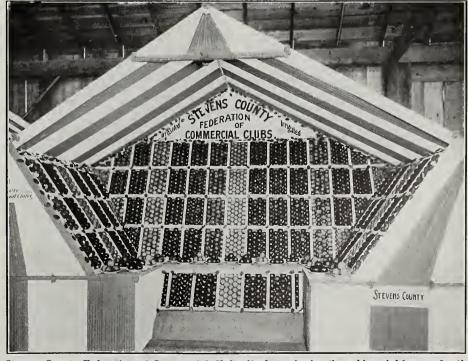
a prize of \$500 for the best pack and the International Apple Shippers' Association trophy for commercial pack and grade. The Stowe entry, also from Idaho, was second on Wagener. The Oregon entry won first on Yellow Newtown. Washington was first with cars of Gano and Winesap and mixed varieties, also the sweepstakes for taking the largest number of prizes in all contests except plates. The winners in the other carload contests are given in the accompanying official list of awards. W. L. Dresbach of Mosier, Oregon, won the world championship and a prize of \$100 in the packing contest on November 30, scoring 961/4 out of a possible 100 points, defeating Charles Mason of Spokane, last year's champion, who scored 93½ points as second and won \$50. Earl Benson of Spokane was third with 93 points and won \$25. Benson packed four boxes in 19½ minutes, but was low on the condition of the pack; Dresbach used 22½ minutes, while Mason required 28½ minutes. The entrants: Theron C. Bangs, Cashmere, Washington; H. E. Perry, Hood River, Oregon; Henry Dillon and E. C. Greene, North Yakima, Washington; H. A. Briggs, Victor, Montana; Ralph W. Ordway, White Salmon, Washington; R. M. Garvin, Cheney, Washington; James W. Saul, Sunnyside, Washington; Ray Dull, Wenatchee, Washington; J. S. McPherson, Chelan, Washington; J. C. Goadner, Toppenish, Washington; A. McDonald and A. Steiner, Moscow, Idaho; Frances Harpole, Wilbur, Washington; E. Stark, Garfield, Washington; Harry Nelson, Chester, Washington; W. L. Dresbach, Mosier, Oregon; Roger Hortop, Alcott Station, Colorado; Earl

Benson, Charles Mason, Ben S. Candell, S. F. Perkins, H. W. Torrence, C. E. Anderson, Irvin Brunner and Carl E. Bloom, Spokane. J. M. Carroll of Mosier, Oregon, was presiding judge. The spraying, pruning and grafting demonstrations by the horticultural department of the State College of Washington, under the direction of Professor A. L. Melander, entomologist, were attended by many, as were also the daily lectures in the main audi-

torium. The spraying machine trials also interested growers from all parts of the country. The free packing school was largely attended, some of the students being present the entire series.

From the spectator's viewpoint the show was more artistic than any of the previous exhibitions, care being given to the display of the fruit as well as descriptions in printed text and pictures of the districts in which it was grown. Another innovation were the exhibits by Indians in Northern Idaho. Chief Isaac, though blind for years, showed that the redman can grow apples through intelligently directed effort. He was among the prize winners. The Northern Pacific Railway Company's commissary department had an exhibit, eight by sixteen feet, showing a model orchard home made of sugar. The coloring was true to life. The entertainment features were interesting. Reemer's National Apple Show band and Bowen's American band, each of thirty pieces; the Piper Highlanders and Hendrick's Bingville band supplied the music. The vaudeville department was headed by Mlle. Christine LaBarraque, soprano, and Albert Nightingale, cornet soloist, and included Billy Silvers and the Renner Sisters, the four Bonnells, the Van Dalles Sisters, Mason, Wilbur and Jordan, the Spokane Elks' quartette and J. Overton. The musical feature was the concert by six hundred and eighteen musicians, representing twenty-seven bands in the Inland Empire. The band competition was won by Lewiston, Idaho. Professor Karl Baumgaertel directed the winning band. Sixty thousand persons witnessed the parade in which all the bands appeared in full uniform.

The formal organization of the Central Fruit Marketing Exchange was completed at the apple show on Novem-



Stevens County Federation of Commercial Clubs display, winning the gold medal banner for the highest scoring fruit grown on non-irrigated land, at Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, 1911



Pullman, Washington, exhibit at Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23-30, 1911

ber 29. L. E. Meaeham, traveling representative of the committee of eleven, headed by W. H. Otis of Peshastin, Washington, at the Walla Walla eonvention last February, who was installed as secretary, has opened a bureau in the Hutton Building, Spokane. It is announced that the exehange will handle the 1912 crop, its efforts being eonfined to Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana. Besides Mr. Otis, the trustees are: H. C. Atwell, Forest Grove, Oregon; J. F. Forbis, Dilley, Oregon; Sherwood Williams, LaGrande, Oregon; H. D. Lamb, Milton, Oregon; W. M. Nelson, North Yakima, Washington; W. H. Paulhamus, Puyallup, Washington; Miles Cannon, Weiser, Idaho; W. B. Lanham, Clarkston, Washington, and W. J. Tiedt, Darby, Montana.

Miss Laura Breese, instructor, and a bevy of young women students in the department of home economies at the University of Idaho, taught housewives how to prepare apples as food in 209 different ways. The demonstrations were witnessed by 20,000 men and women, and as many more were supplied with viands. The University of Oregon probably will send its instructor in domestic seienee and a number of students to Spokane for the 1912 show.

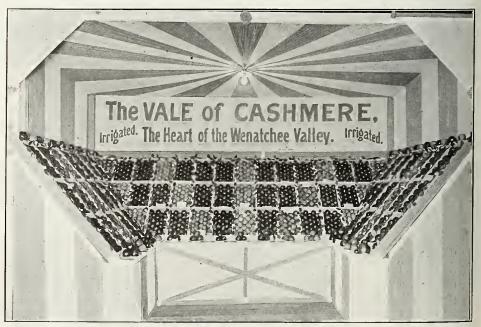
The exhibitors expressed their appreciation of the arrangements by presenting Secretary Rice a set of resolutions on the elosing day and on all sides were heard the most complimentary remarks over the manner in which the show was handled. Chief Judge Sinsel said the show was the best of the four so far given, and every exhibitor promised to return for the fifth exhibition. "Mike" Horan of Wenatehee, winner of the sweepstakes at the 1908 show, said he will have one or two earloads, and it is expected that other parts of Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana and British Columbia will take advantage of the next show.

The detailed prize list, showing the awards made by the board of judges, follows:

Awards in Carload Contests.—Rome Beauty:
R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, first; score
9,4614 of possible 10,000 points, \$300 and gold
medal banner; also Acme orchard harrow,
donated by the John Deere Plow Company of
Portland; no second. Spitzenberg: Keystone
Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington; no competition. Wagener: George S. Knapp, Moscow, Idaho, first; score 9,701½, \$300 and gold
medal banner; also extension frame orchard
disc harrow, donated by the Parlin-Orendorf
Plow Company, Portland; George M. Stowe,
Cocur d'Alene, Idaho, second; score 9,477½,
\$100 and silver medal banner. Winesap:
Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington,
\$300, gold medal banner and five drums of
Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution; no competition. Yellow Newtown: Houston Brothers,
Talent, Oregon, first; \$300, gold medal banner
and five drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur

solution; did not compete on pack. Any standard winter variety not mentioned in the carload contests: Keystone Fruit Company, Ential, Washington, car of Gano, first; \$300, gold medal banner and 100-pound drum Electro brand dry powder arsenate of lead, donated by the Vrecland Chemical Company of New York, through the Charles H. Lilly Company, agents, Seattle and Portland; no competition. For the best mixed carload of any standard winter varieties, each variety to consist of at least 50 boxes: H. S. Simmons, Wenatchee, Washington, first; score 9,585½; \$300 and gold medal banner, also five drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution; J. Rosenhaupt & Sons, Spokane, second; score 8,157; 100 and silver medal banner. For the best packed carload exhibit of all carloads entered in competition; George S. Knapp, Moscow, Idaho; score 1,848½ on a basis of 2,000 for perfect; \$500 and gold medal banner, also five drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution. For the best commercially packed and graded carload of all entered in competition for the International Apple Shippers' Association trophy: George S. Knapp, Moscow, Idaho; score 9,701½ on a basis of 10,000. For the most artistically decorated carload entered in competition: J. Rosenhaupt & Sons, Spokane, \$200. For the earload scoring highest on condition of all carloads entered in competition: George M. Stowe, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho; score 1,919 on a basis of 2,000 for perfect; prize a salmon spray pump with attachments, by the Deming Company, Salem, Ohio, Sweepstakes to the exhibitor winning the greatest number of prizes in all contests except plates; Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington; prize 100 pounds of arsenate of lead, donated by the Dow Chemical Company of Midland, Michigan. No entries were received in the Jonathan and McIntosh Red contests.

Original and Attractive Displays.—For the most original and attractive display made by an individual: Walter O. Brown, Spokane, first, \$200; second, Spokane Aerie No. 2, Fraternal Order of Eagles, \$100; added premium, a yea



Cashmere Commercial Club display, winning the first prize of \$100 and gold medal banner, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, Washington, November 23 to 30, 1911

The Ten-Box Contest.—Arkansas Black: Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, first; score 95½; \$40 and a Monarch sprayer outfit with attachments, donated by the Goulds Manufacturing Company, Seneea Falls, New York, Baldwin: R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, first; score 87¾; \$40 and an orchard ladder, donated by the Orchard Ladder and Manufacturing Company, St. Johns, Oregon. Black Ben Davis: Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, first; score 85; \$40 and 1,000 Black Ben trees, donated by Stark Brothers' Nurseries and Orchards Company, Louisiana, Missouri. Delicious: J. H. Garrett, Wenatchee, Washington, first; score 85; \$40 and a barrel of Crest spray, donated by Crest Chemical Company of Seattle, also two drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; H. B. Farwell, Wenatchee, Washington, second; score 81½; \$20. Grimes Golden: John Bengel, Spokane, Washington, first; score 97; \$40 and 100-pound keg Triangle brand of arsenate of lead, donated by A. B. Ansbacher & Company, New York, also package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobaceo Product Company, Louisville, Kentucky. Jonathan: G. Bedtelyon, Otis Orchards, Washington, first; score 94¾; \$40 and an orchard disc harrow, donated by the Hentenational Harvester Company of America; H. B. Farwell, Wenatchee, Washington, second; score 83½; \$20. Northern Spy:- John Bengel, Spokane, first; score 95¼; \$40 and 'Fitz-All sprayer, donated by the H. L. Hurst Manufacturing Company, Canton, Ohio; F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, second; score 91; \$20 and two drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California. Rhode Island Greening: R. P. Wright, Chelan,



Display made by the Spokane Valley, winning second prize of \$100 and silver medal banner, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23-30, 1911

Louisville, Kentucky; J. Rosenhaupt & Sons, Spokane, second; score 84; \$20 and package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Louisville, Kentucky. Winter Banana: B. E. Schmidt, Opportunity, Washington, first; score 96¾; Beck's Great Western triplex pump, donated by the Beck Sprayer Company, Lansing, Michigan, also two drums Ortho brand lime-sulphur

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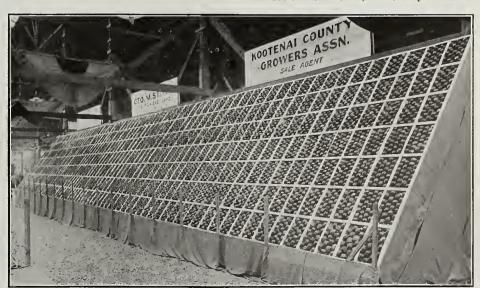
solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; A. J. Gage, Mica, Washington, second; score 94; \$20. Winesap: Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, first; score 96¾; \$40 and 500 Winesap trees, donated by the Yakima Valley Nursery Company, Toppenish, Washington, Yellow Newtown: Houston Brothers, Talent, Oregon, first; score 99¾; \$40 and a Hardie twin cylinder spray pump with attachments, donated by the Hardie Manufacturing Company, Portland, Oregon, also two drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, second; score 83½; \$20. Delicious: Henry B. Miller, Chelan, Washington, first; score 97¾; 1,000 Stark's Delicious trees, donated by Stark Brothers' Nurseries and Orchards Company, Louisiana, Missouri. King David: B. E. Schmidt, Opportunity, Washington, first; score 93½; 1,000 Stark's King David trees, donated by Stark Brothers' Nurseries and Orchards Company, Louisiana, Missouri. Winners of first prizes also each received a fruit gatherer, donated by J. H. Ogburn, Wenatchee, Washington.

The Five-Box Contests.—Black Twig: Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, first; score 85½ of possible 100; \$25 and 150 Elberta peach trees, donated by the German Nurseries and Seed Company, Beatrice, Nebraska; no second. Ben Davis: H. S. Simmons, Wenatchee, Washington, first; score 89¾; \$25 and 50 Yellow Newtown, 50 Spitzenberg and 25 Winter Banana trees, donated by the Lafayette Nurseries Company, Lafayette, Oregon, also one drum of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution; F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, second; score 75; \$15. Delicious: R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, first; score 94; \$25 and 250 Rome Beauty trees, donated by the Milton Nursery Company, Milton, Oregon. Gravenstein: James Spiers, Kaslo, British Columbia, first; score 97¼; \$25 and 500 Jonathan trees, donated by Northwest

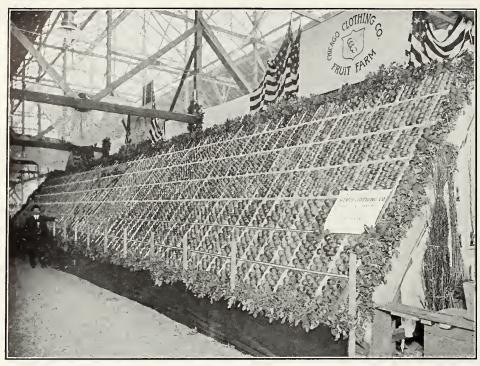


Best carload of Newtowns, awarded first prize of \$300 and gold medal banner, exhibited by Houston Brothers, Talent, Oregon, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November, 1911

Best carload of Newtowns, awarded first prize Houston Brothers, Talent, Oregon, at the Fourth Washington, first; score 95; \$40 and 150 trees, donated by the Hood River Standard Nursery Company, Hood River, Oregon, also two drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California. Rome Beauty: R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, first; score 99½; \$40 and an improved orchard machine, donated by the Light Draft Harrow Company, Marshalltown, Jowa; Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, second; score 99; \$20. Spitzenberg: Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, first; score 96½; \$40 and 200 apple trees, 250 peach trees, 50 cherry trees, donated by the Quaker Nurseries Company, Salem, Oregon, also two drums of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California. Stayman Winesap: Burrill Orchard Company, North Yakima, Washington, first; score 99¼; \$40 and 400 No. 1 Wagener apple trees (or winner's choice), donated by the Van Holderbeke Nursery Company, Spokane, also a package of Black Leaf 40, donated the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Louisville, Kentucky; Keystone Fruit Company, Louisville, Kentucky; Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, first; score 99½; \$40 and 500 Yellow Newtown trees, donated by the Washington, first; score 99½; \$40 and 500 Yellow Newtown trees, donated by the Washington, also a package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Toppenish, Washington, also a package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Toppenish, Washington, also a package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Toppenish, Washington, also a package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Toppenish, Washington, also a package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company,



Carload of Wageners exhibited by George M. Stowe, Cœur d'Alene, Idaho, winning second prize of \$100 and silver medal banner, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November, 1911



Carload winning first prize of \$200 for the most artistic decoration, exhibited by Chicago Clothing Company Fruit Farm, J. Rosenhaupt & Son, Spokane, Washington, at Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23 to 30, 1911

Carload winning first prize of \$200 for the mosing Company Fruit Farm, J. Rosenhaupt & Son Show, Spokane, Now Nursery Company, North Yakima, Washington, also one drum of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; no second. Jonathan: M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 98; \$25 and 50 Jonathan trees, donated by the Northern Nurseries Company, Chewalah, Washington, also one drum Ortho hrand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California, G. I. Evans, Wenatchee, Washington, second; score 91½; \$15 and 25 Jonathan trees, donated by the Northern Nurseries Company, Chewalah, Washington. King David: B. E. Schmidt, Opportunity, Washington, first; score 88; \$25 and Hydraplex spray pump with attachments, donated by the E. C. Brown Company, Rochester, New York, also one drum of Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; no second. Rome Beauty: John Scott, Wenatchee, Washington, first; score 96½; \$25 and 500 Houghton gooseberry, donated by F. W. Mencray Crescent Nursery Company, Council Bluffs, lowa; H. W. Greenburg, Hillyard, Washington, second; score 92½; \$15. Spitzenberg; White Salmon Fruit Company, White Salmon, Washington, first; score 98½; \$25 and 500 Houghton, second; score 92½; \$15. Spitzenberg; White Salmon Fruit Company, White Salmon, Washington, first; score 98½; \$25 and 500 McIndon, Helichand, Washington; Maxwelton Orchard, Hood River, Oregon, second; score 96½; \$25 and 500 McIndon, Helichand, Washington, H

taining a different variety: G. Bedtelyon, Otis Orchards, Washington, first; score 98%; \$25 and 500 specially designed panel end apple boxes, donated by the Washington Mill Company, Spokane; J. Rosenhaupt & Sons, Spokane, sccond; score 94; \$15 and 500 pcach boxes, donated by the Washington Mill Company, Spokane. Five boxes scoring highest on condition of all five-box displays which have been sprayed with any brand of arsenate of lead: Houston Brothers, Talent, Oregon, first; score 201, or perfect on condition; silver loving cup, donated by the Merrimac Chemical Company, Boston; no second. First prize winners also each received as a special premium a fruit gatherer, donated by J. H. Ogburn, Wenatchee, Washington.

General District Displays.—Best general collective displays grown on irrigated land shown by commercial club, association, union, county or district: Commercial Club, Cashmere, Washington, first; \$100 and gold medal banner, also 20 copies of the Fruit Grower, St. Joseph, Missouri; Spokane Valley second; \$50

and silver medal banner. Best general collective display of apples grown on non-irrigated land shown by commercial club, association, union, county or district: Kootenai Valley district, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, first; \$100 and gold medal banner; Skamania County, Stevenson, Washington, second; \$50 and silver medal banner. The Federation of Commercial Clubs of Stevens County, Washington, received a gold medal banner for the highest scoring fruit grown on non-irrigated land.

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State Group Displays.—Middle West special, one barrel or three boxes, any variety; competition limited to entries from Illinois, Indiana, lowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota and Wisconsin: Jewell Nursery Company, Lake City, Minnesota, first; score 90 of possible 100; \$40 and Palmer fruit bucket, donated by the Palmer Bucket Company, Hood River, Oregon, also 200 Bolton orchard heaters, donated by the Frost Prevention Company, San Francisco. Southern States special, one barrel or three boxes, any variety; competition limited to entries from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kenticky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia: J. A. Farquharson, Guthrie, Oklahoma, first; score 99%; \$40 and Palmer fruit bucket; Sparger Orchard Company, Greenboro, North Carolina, second; score 98%; \$20 and Palmer fruit bucket. Western States special, best three boxes or one barrel, any variety; competition limited to Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, California, Colorado, Utah and Nevada: W. J. Enright, Chester, Washington, first; score 99½; \$40 cash and lightning fruit picker, donated by the Lightning Fruit Picker Company, St. Louis, Missouri; a Palmer fruit bucket, also 100 Troutman orchard heaters, donated by the Round Crest Orchard Heater Company of Denver, Colorado; O. B. Brown, Wenatchee, Washington, second; score 98¼; \$20 cash and a Palmer fruit bucket, donated by the Round Crest Orchard Heater Company of Denver, Colorado; O. B. Brown, Wenatchee, Washington, second; score 99%; \$40 cash, five drums of Ortho brand limesulphur solution, donated by the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California, also a Palmer fruit bucket, donated by the Palmer Bucket Company, Hood River, Oregon; Nelson Brothers, Summerland, British Columbia, second; score 97; \$20 cash and a

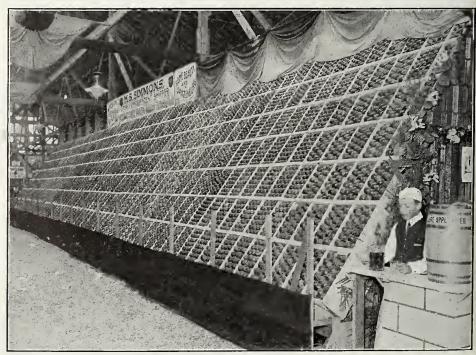


Exhibit of mixed carload of any standard winter varieties, each variety consisting of at least fifty boxes, made by H. S. Simmons, Wenatchee, Washington, winning first prize of \$300 and gold medal banner, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, Washington, November, 1911

ton, first; score 96; \$10 and Detroit Shear Company's pruner; R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, second; score 95½; \$5 and Detroit Shear Company's pruner. Ben Davis: H. S. Simmons, Wenatchee, Washington, first; score 97½; \$10 and star tree pruner, donated by Carroll R. Tiffany, Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania; F. C. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, second; score 93½; \$5 and Star tree pruner, donated by Carroll R. Tiffany, Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania. Black Twig: Maxwelton Orchard, Hood River, Oregon, first; score 97½; \$10 and Dandy tree pruner, donated by Carroll R. Tiffany, Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania; Oban Scott, Wenatchee, Washington, second; score 97½; \$5 and Dandy tree pruner, donated by Carroll R. Tiffany, Franklin Forks, Pennsylvania; Cox Orange Pippin: A. Scott, Willow Point, British Columbia, first; score 91; \$10 and Tiffany pruner; no second. Delicious: Henry B. Miller, Chelan, Washington, first; score 95; \$10 and pruner, donated by Detroit Shear Company, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. W. C. Talmadge, Sharon, Washington, second; score 94½; \$5 and pruner, donated by Detroit Shear Company, Gravenstein: M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 99½; \$10 cash; no second. Gano: M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 98½; \$10 cash; Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, second; score 98½; \$5 cash. Grimes Golden: Nelson Brothers, Summerland, British Columbia, second; score 89½; \$5 cash. Grimes Golden: Nelson Brothers, Summerland, British Columbia, second; score 89½; \$5 cash. Grimes Golden: Nelson Brothers, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 97½; \$5 cash. Golden Russet: F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, first; score 97½; \$5 cash. Golden Russet: F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, first; score 91; \$10 cash; no second. Gloria Mundi: J. C. Ristau, Route 3, Spokane, Washington, first; score 91; \$10 cash; no second. Groria Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; J. W. Nipple, Greenacres, Washington, second; score 96½; \$5 cash. McIntosh Red: L. C. Woodwo



Carload display of Rome Beauties, awarded first prize of \$300 and gold medal banner, exhibited by R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, at Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November, 1911

sas pruning knife; Mrs. E. L. Weger, second; score 95; \$5 and Kansas pruning knife. Rome Beauty: John Howard, Otis Orchards, Washington, first; score 98½; \$10 and orchard saw, donated by Detroit Shear Company, Detroit, Michigan; H. B. Graybill, 1515 Knox Avenue, Spokane, Washington, second; score 97; \$5 and orchard saw. Senator: R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, first; score 96; 500 Senator apple trees, donated by Stark Brothers' Nurseries and Orchards Company, Louisiana, Missouri; Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, second; score 92½; same as first.

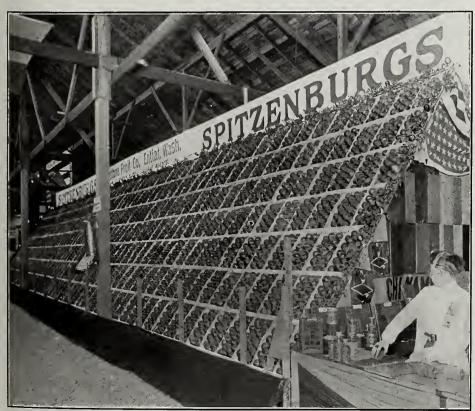
prize of \$300 and gold medal banner, exhibited National Apple Show, Spokane, November, 1911

Spitzenberg: M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 99; \$10 cash; Maxwelton Orchard, Hood River, Oregon, second; score 98; \$5 cash. Stayman Winesap: M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 98¾; \$10 and 500 Stayman Winesap trees, donated by the Stark Brothers' Nurseries and Orchards Company, Louisiana, Missouri; Burrill Orchard Company, North Yakima, Washington, second; score 96¾; \$5 cash. Tompkins King; F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, first; score 96¾; \$10 cash; J. J. Campbell, Willow Point, British Columbia, second; score 96½; \$5 cash. Wagener: W. J. Enright, Chester, Washington, first; score 98½; \$10 cash; G. Bloomfield, Summerland, British Columbia, second; score 97½; \$5 cash. Winesap: N. S. Titchenal, Cashmere, Washington, first; score 98½; \$10 and 100 Winesap apple trees, donated by the Carlton Nursery Company, Oregon, also one drum Ortho brand lime-sulphur solution, donated by California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, California; R. H. Titchenal, Cashmere, Washington, second; score 97½; \$5 cash. Wealthy: C. J. Thomson, Summerland, British Columbia, first; score 99¼; \$10 cash; D. S. Timmons, Creston, British Columbia, second; score 97½; \$5 cash. Winter Banana: T. H. Hart, Cedonia, Washington, first; score 97; \$10 cash and 500 King David trees, donated by Wild Rose Nursery Company, Spokane; W. J. Hart, Cedonia, Washington, second; score 94½; \$5 and 100 King of Tompkins trees. Yellow Newtown: Maxwelton Orchard, Hood River, Oregon, first; score 99½; \$10 cash; E. M. Peck, White Salmon, Washington, second; score 97½; \$5 cash. First prize winners also each received a Palmer fruit bucket.

Home-Made By-Products.—Unflavored apple marmalade: Mrs. George H. Farwell, Wenat-

\$10 cash; E. M. Peck, White Salmon, Washington, second; score 97½; \$5 cash. First prize winners also each received a Palmer fruit bucket.

Home-Made By-Products.—Unflavored apple marmalade: Mrs. George H. Farwell, Wenatchee, Washington, first, \$10 cash; Miss Elizabeth Spellum, Spokane, Washington, second, \$5 cash. Unflavored crab apple jelly; Mrs. A. C. Dukelow, Spokane, Washington, second, \$5 cash. Unflavored preserved apples: Mrs. J. W. Lipe, Clarkston, Washington, first, \$10 cash; Miss R. E. Stewart, Spokane, Washington, first, \$10 cash; Mrs. E. L. Weger, Spokane, Washington, Kiesling Route, second, \$5 cash. Unflavored apple butter: Mrs. J. W. Lipe, Clarkston, Washington, first, \$10 cash; Mrs. H. A. Platt, Como, Montana, second, \$5 cash. Pickled apples: Mrs. Joseph Break, Spokane, general delivery, first, \$10 cash; Mrs. H. A. Platt, Como, Washington, second, \$5 cash. Pickled apples: Mrs. Joseph Break, Spokane, second, \$5. Best unflavored homemade apple jelly: Mrs. Ola Barnes, Mead, Washington, first, \$10; Mrs. Joseph Break, Spokane, second, \$5. Best unflavored homemade apple jelly: Mrs. Ola Barnes, Mead, Washington, first, \$10; Mrs. Joseph Break, Spokane, second, \$5. Best home-made apple vinegar: John Bengel, Spokane, first, \$10; Mrs. A. C. Dukelow, Spokane, first, \$10; Mrs. A. E. Stewart, Spokane, first, \$10; Mrs. E. L. Weger,



Best carload of Spitzenbergs, winning first prize of \$300 and gold medal banner, exhibited by the Keystone Fruit Company, Entiat, Washington, at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, Washington, November 23 to 30, 1911



Carload display of Wageners, exhibited by George L. Knapp, Moscow, Idaho, winner of grand sweepstakes of \$500 and gold medal banner, also first prize for the best carload of Wageners, \$300, and gold medal banner, at Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November 23-30, 1911

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Factory By-Produets.—For the largest display of the greatest variety of factory by-produets of the apple shown by an individual, firm or corporation: Spokane Canning Company, Spokane, first, gold medal banner; Wenatchee Iee, Cold Storage and Canning Company, Wenatchee, Washington, second, silver medal banner. Best five apples, any variety, preserved longest without acid or other means except cellars or cold storage: J. D. Taggard, Waitsburg, Washington, gold medal hanner. Best new seedling apple produced in the last five years: Thomas J. Jones, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, gold medal banner. Best collection of 50 biggest apples: L. H. Spader, Chelan, Washington, first, weight 76 pounds 10 ounces, \$75 and package of Black Leaf 40, donated by the Kentucky; Lorr & Ball, Methow, Washington, second, weight 66 pounds 10 ounces, \$25 eash and package of Black Leaf 40. Biggest five apples: Lorr & Ball, Methow, Washington, first, measured 79% inches, \$15 and package of Black Leaf 40. Biggest single apple free from blemish: W. C. Hogenson, Chelan, Washington, first, circumference 16¼ inches, \$20 cash; Benjamin H. Thompson, Rifle, Colorado, second, circumference 16½ inches, \$30 eash. Best apple pie delivered to the National Apple Show: Miss Anna Hoffman, Spokane, first, \$20 and silk umbrella; Miss Anna Niebuhr, Spokane, second, \$5 and glove box. Most practical and economical new appliance for use in planting, cultivating, carning for, picking, packing or

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Ferry, Idaho; Belmont Waxen, O. A. Hoag, Chelan, Washington; Bismarck, J. M. Tesarik, Kiesling, Wenatchee, Washington; Black Ben Davis, A. E. Knowels, Wenatchee, Washington; Blue Pearmain, H. S. Sinimons, Wenatchee, Washington; Blut Pearmain, H. S. Sinimons, Wenatchee, Washington; Bitish Columbia, A. Alexander, Washington; British Columbia, Class C: Canada Red, F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia, Twentieth Century, W. H. Heideman, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Champion, Tony Brown, Copeland, Idaho; Chicago, D. H. Hulseman, Lakeside, Washington; Cranberry Pippin, M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia; Coos River Red, F. C. Johnson, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Class D: Delaware Red, L. H. Spader, Chelan, Washington; Delicious, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington; Delicious, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington, Class E: English Russet, L. H. Spader, Chelan, Washington, Class E: English Russet, L. H. Spader, Chelan, Washington, Class E: Chelan, Washington; Fallawater, Thomas J. Jones, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Gano, M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia; Gideon, Stocks & Jackson, Creston, British Columbia; Gideon, Stocks & Jackson, Creston, British Columbia; Gideon, Stocks & Jackson, Creston, British Columbia; Golden Russet, F. C. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia; Golden Pippin, William H. Heideman, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Gano, Gravenstein, James Spiers, Kaslo, British Columbia; Gravenstein, James Spiers, Kaslo, British Columbia, Chass B: Hubbardston, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington; Jonathan, A. Banderob, Chelan, Washington; Jonathan, A. Banderob, Chelan, Washington; Heideman, Bonners Ferry, Idaho, Gans, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington; Mann, Roy Laughhon, Davenport, Washington; Kiesling, J. H. Clay, Route 3, Spokane; Kentish Fillhasket, Burrill Oreharion; King David, J. W. Nipple, Greenacres, Washington; Melntosh Red, M. P. Medaniels, Chelan, Washington; Monmouth, W. D. Davis, Bonner

Creston, British Columbia. Class R: Rambo Ramsdell Sweet, J. D. Taggard, Waitsburg, Washington; Red Cheek Pippin, John Bengel, Spokane; Rhode Island Greening, Samuel Smith, Port Hill, Idaho; Ribston Pippin, F. G. Fauquier, Necdles, British Columbia; Rome Beauty, L. H. Titchenal, Cashmere, Washington; Roxbury Russet, Stocks & Jackson, Creston, British Columbia; Romanite Red, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington. Class S: Scott Winter, William H. Heidcman, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Senator, J. S. Shepard, Lakeside, Washington; Smokehouse, J. M. Tesarik, Kiesling, Washington; Smokehouse, J. M. Tesarik, Kiesling, Washington; Smokehouse, J. M. Tesarik, Kiesling, Washington; Smith, J. L. Maxwell, Dryden, Washington; Smith, J. L. Maxwell, Dryden, Washington; Smith, J. L. Maxwell, British Columbia; Stokane Beauty, Samuel Smith, Port Hill, Idaho; Spitzenberg, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington; Springdale, William H. Heideman, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; Scarlet Pippin, M. Steuart, Summerland, British Columbia; Stayman Winesap, Burrill Orehard Company, North Yakima, Washington; Sutton Beauty, Slocks & Jackson, Creston, British Columbia. Class T: Tolman Sweet, S. B. Russell, Lakeside, Washington. Class U: Utter, R. H. Wall, Boners Ferry, Idaho. Class W: Wagener, W. J. Enright, Chester, Washington; Walbridge, F. G. Fauquier, Needles, British Columbia; Wealthy, R. P. Wright, Chelan, Washington; Winter Banana, Keystone Fruit Company, Cashmere, Washington; Willow Twig, J. S. Shepard, Lakeside, Washington; Willow Twig, J. S. Shepard, Lakeside, Washington; Willow Twig, J. S. Shepard, Lakeside, Washington; Wellow Rellflower, J. M. Tesarik, Kiesling, Washington; Wellow Rellflower, Tony Brown, Copeland, Idaho; York Imperial, W. T. Robbins, Mead, Washington.

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Through an oversight in proofreading a slight error was overlooked in the article entitled "Frost Injury Prevention Methods in the Rogue River Valley," in the November issue of "Better Fruit." On page 29, about the middle of the third column, the sentence beginning, "But if the air moved, etc.," should read as follows: "But if the air moved only 100 feet per minute, or a little more than one mile per hour, the temperature could never rise more than one degree above the temperature of the incoming cold air. At four miles per hour it could rise but one-fourth degree. This would be true only in the outside tree rows, on the side from which the air movement eones. For all the rows beyond the outside row, some of the heat units generated in the first row would be added to the heat generated inside."

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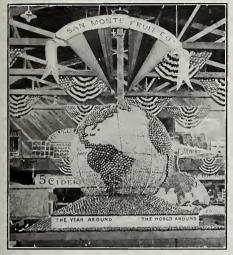
Replying to your favor of the 18th, will say that we believe we have been better able to trace results from our small space in "Better Fruit" than from any other one advertisement, Fruit" than from any other one advertisement, and expect to continue using the space indefinitely. The writer takes almost a personal interest in your publication, feeling that you have built up a splendid periodical and one that is a credit to the entire Pacific Northwest. It is high grade in every way, and in addition to the good class of reading and news matter there is also an absence of the cheap grade of farm paper advertising. With best wishes for your continued success, and with the compliments of the season, we are, yours truly, Washington Mill Company, Spokane.

A year ago "Better Fruit" took up the cost of production of fruit and the idea seemed to spread like wildfire and was taken up by not only horticultural papers, but by all classes of papers throughout the entire country. Our October number, the statistical number, was one of the best that "Better Fruit" has ever issued and contains statistics from every state in the Union, affording the grower much opportunity for thought. It is the intention of "Better Fruit" to keep up this line of work and to publish statistics from time to time as they become available, for the benefit of the fruit industry. The popularity of the October number was evidenced by the splendid and complimentary letters which have been received at our office. The demand for copies of this edition has been unusually large.

The Big California Annual Apple Show at Watsonville

By C. Gentry Redman, Secretary Apple Annual Association

HE Second Annual California Apple Show—an apple show where apples grow—was held in Watson-ville October 9-14, 1911, inclusive. Watsonville, the metropolis of the Pajaro Valley, s a cosmopolitan and up-to-date city with a population of 5,000. Mail is distributed to 15,000 residents of the valley by five free rural delivery routes.



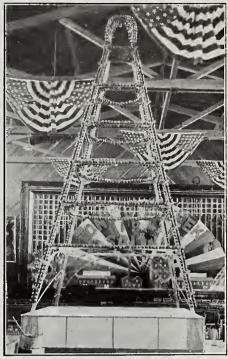
"The World," exhibited by the San Monte Fruit Company, Watsonville, winning the second prize of \$125 for the second best feature exhibit at the California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9-14, 1911

The Pajaro Valley is the largest individual apple producing section in the world. Last year over 5,000 carloads of green and evaporated apples and apple products were shipped out of the valley, or approximately 3,000,000 packed boxes of apples, representing as many dollars in returns to the growers and packers. Last year the City of Watsonville was bonded in the sum of \$16,000 for the erection of a pavilion 100 by 215 feet, and embracing 35,000 square feet of exhibit space. The capacity of this building was inadequate to hold the large exhibit of apples and apple products. A mammoth tent, 125 by 215 feet, was purchased this year by the Watsonville Apple Annual Association, under whose auspices the show is annually held. In addition to this large space another tent 100 by 186 feet was pressed into service to house the numerous industrial exhibits. All of the exhibits, other than the industrial, were restricted to apples and apple products.

The show was opened Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Benpamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California. He commended the Watsonville Apple Annual Association for the good work it has undertaken in promulgating the apple industry of the whole State of California by the holding of an annual state apple show. Addresses were also made by Hon. James A. Hall, mayor of the City of Watsonville; O. D. Stoesser, president of the California Apple Show; Mr. Frank L. Brown, representing the

Panama-Paeific International Exposition of San Francisco, and G. Aubrey Davidson of the Panama California Exposition of San Diego. Among other things, each speaker emphasized the fact that the holding of an annual apple show was not only benefiting Watsonville and vieinity but the entire state as well by exploiting the apple industry. As an example of what the California Apple Show has already done along this line I will mention one instance which has come to the attention of the writer. Last year several plates of apples were on exhibition from Modoc County. The exhibitor sueeeeded in earrying off many prizes. The fact that this particular eounty was awarded several prizes was well advertised, and the result has been that over two thousand aeres of apple land has been sold in Modoe County during the past year at an advance of over 200 per eent of its former value. What is true of this district will also be true to a greater or less degree of every undeveloped apple section of the state as their possibilities become known through the medium of a state apple show.

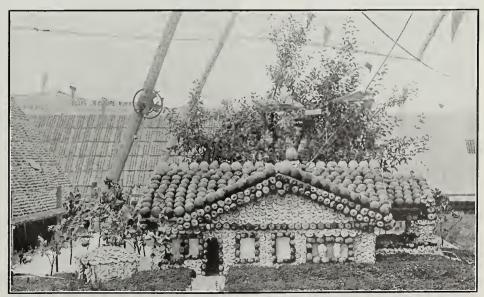
Among the novel and interesting sights at the show were the feature exhibits, representing various notable objects, which were made of green or dried apples. As one entered the spacious pavilion the first of these objects to attract one's attention was the Panama Canal, built entirely by the students of the Watsonville High School. The exhibit was in the form of a relief map, and showed all the mountains, valleys, lakes and locks through which the canal will traverse. The students were successful in earrying off the first prize of \$200, also a beautiful silver trophy, given by the Produce Exchange of Los Angeles. The points on which all the feature exhibits



Reproduction of Electric Tower at San Jose, California, by the San Jose Chamber of Commerce, at California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9 to 14, 1911

were judged were: 1. Appropriateness to the apple industry. 2. Educational value. 3. Originality of design. 4. Advertising value to the apple annual. 5. Skill or perfection of detail.

"The World," which was the exhibit of the San Monte Fruit Co. of Watsonville, was a very attractive exhibit feature and was awarded second prize of \$125. This exhibit consisted of a large sphere twelve feet or more in diameter on which was a map of the world. Green apples were used to represent the two continents and evaporated apples to represent the oceans. By an



"Spraying in 1923." Bungalow and orchard exhibited by the employes of the California Spray Chemical Company, Watsonville, at the California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9-14, 1911. Note the airship over the house.



Reproduction of the old Custom House at Monterey, California, one of the oldest historic landmarks in the state, exhibited by the Monterey Chamber of Commerce at California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9-14, 1911

ingenious mechanical devise the large globe was made to revolve very slowly, thus making a very instructive as well as an appropriate exhibit. Among the other feature exhibits were the "Hemisphere," by the Stewart Fruit Co. of Watsonville; "The Santa Cruz Casino," by the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce: "Monterey Custom House," by the Monterey Chamber of Commerce; "One Big Week, Salinas, 1912," by the Monterey County Chamber of Commerce; "San Jose Electric Tower," by the San Jose Chamber of Commerce; "Spreckels Sugar Factory," by the owners; "Spraying in 1923," by the owners; "Spraying in 1923, by the employes of the California Spray Chemical Co. of Watsonville; "Y. M. C. A. Building," by the association; "Hotel Appleton," by the Appleton Investment Co. of Watsonville, and "The Merry Widow Hat," by Miss Hclen Haynes of Watsonville. Another exhibit which was a novel one was a five-year-old Bellflower apple tree exhibited by Mr. A. Flath of Larkin Valley, near Watsonville. This tree was dug up and taken from his orchard, a distance of seven miles, and transplanted in the tent with its immense crop still intact.

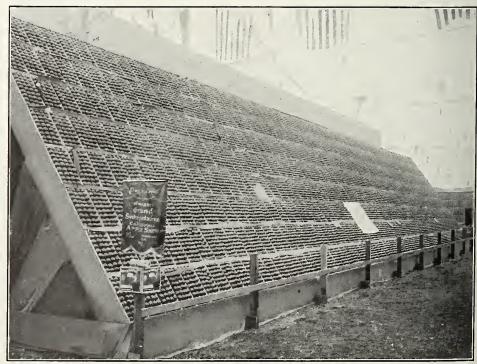
The apple exhibit was one of the largest ever held. There were ten car-loads of 600 boxes each, seventeen 100box lots, ten 50-box lots, twenty-one 25-box lots, forty-nine 10-box lots, one hundred and eleven 5-box lots and ninety-cight 1-box lots, in addition to a number of lots which were not entered for competition, comprising in all about 12,000 commercially packed boxes. In addition to this, there were about 1,000 boxes of apples used to make the feature exhibits. The plate exhibits numbered nearly 1,000, each containing five choice specimens of over 200 varieties of apples. Alaga Bros. of Watsonville, who won the sweepstakes prize last year for the best

carload exhibit, were again successful in winning the coveted prize this year—\$500 in cash, in addition to several valuable trophies and other substantial prizes. Their score was 938 points out of a possible thousand. The variety of apples exhibited by them this year was the Red Pearmain, which is largely used for export purposes to Australia.

The best car of Newtown Pippins in the show was exhibited by Gospodnetich & Zeger of Watsonville, who received a cash prize of \$100 in addition to many other prizes. L. S. Bradley Co. of Watsonville carried off the first prize of \$100 for the best car of Bellflowers, in addition to other prizes.

For the best car of mixed varieties the Loma Fruit Co. of this city received the first prize of \$200 in addition to other valuable prizes. The following won sweepstakes prizes on the several lots mentioned: M. L. Kalich & Co., Watsonville, best 100 boxes Bellflowers; Frank Radovan, Watsonville, best 50 boxes Red Pearmains; Milladin & Moncovich, Watsonville, best 25 boxes Newtown Pippins; Ewell Fruit Co., Santa Cruz, best 10 boxes Jonathans; F. C. Price, Palo Alto (orchard near Watsonville), best 5 boxes Bellflowers; C. G. Redman, Watsonville, best single box Newtown Pippins; F. J. Ralph, Sonora, California, best plate exhibited—Jonathans.

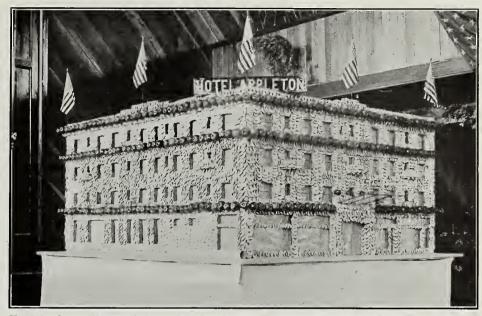
The evaporated apple exhibit, containing nearly ten tons of fruit, attracted much attention. The Unglish Evaporating Co. of Watsonville won the sweepstakes prizes on all of the several lots exhibited. The evaporation of apples is one of the leading industries of the City of Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley. There are at present sixteen evaporators in active operation, with a capacity of 250 carloads of fruit and employing upward of one thousand people. There are also about one hundred packing houses in the city and valley, employing an average of fifty persons at two dollars per day, making a daily payroll of \$10,000 during the fruit season. This added to the daily payroll of the evaporating plants would increase the total daily payroll to \$11,500. Adding to this the daily payroll of the cider, vinegar and canning establishments would bring the grand total daily payroll up to \$12,000, or \$360,000 monthly, for the apple industry. In addition to the above, thousands of dollars are paid for the picking of the fifteen thousand acres of apples in the valley. Onc of the great



Sweepstakes ear Red Pearmain variety, exhibited by Alaga Brothers, Watsonville, California, at the Watsonville Apple Show, October 9-14, 1911

advantages of the California Apple Show is that it is state wide in its scope. Fifteen counties of the state were represented, from Modoc on the north to San Diego on the south. One of these, which possibly attracted more attention than any other, was that of Tuolumne County with its beautiful display of red apples. Walter J. Ralph and A. E. Elsbree of Sonora had charge of this exhibit, and they were awarded a prize of \$50 for the best exhibit grown outside of Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. They also received a prize of \$10 for the best display of mountain-grown apples.

Rivers Bros. & Co. of Los Angeles were awarded a beautiful silver trophy for the best display of apples from Southern California. They also won a cash prize of \$10 for the best five boxes red apples grown outside Pajaro Valley and its tributaries. The exhibit of the Frank K. Mott Co. of Oakland, represented by Messrs. Francis Smith and H. B. Nichols of Oakland and Albert F. Etter of Briceland, Humboldt County, won the prize of \$10 for the best dis-



Hotel Appleton, Watsonville's new \$100,000 hotel, reproduced in evaporated apples, exhibited by the Appleton Investment Company, at the California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9-14, 1911

exhibit was that of the Los Angeles Ice & Cold Storage Co. of Los Angeles. Watsonville. A unique and interesting Five boxes of Newtown Pippins, which were on exhibition at last year's show, were placed in cold storage and kept a year and again exhibited by this firm at the show this year. The fruit was in excellent condition. A large number of factory products were on exhibition, comprising jellies, cider and vinegar. The exhibit of domestic by-products, consisting of apple jelly, apple catsup and canned apples, attracted much attention.

The judges, who worked untiringly on the numberless exhibits, completed their work after six days of constant labor, and the opinion prevailed that their decisions gave general satisfaction. The judges were George E. Rowe of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Professor J. L. Dumas of Pullman, Washington; C. J. Sinsel of Boise, Idaho; A. P. Bateham of Mosier, Oregon, and F. H. Stanton of Hood River, Oregon. For the benefit and convenience of those attending



Looking down one of the long aisles in the tent where earloads were exhibited, California Apple Show, Watsonville, California, October 9-14, 1911

play, all things considered, by any district outside of Santa Cruz and Mon-terey Counties. Their exhibit was all grown in Humboldt County attracted much attention. The following counties of the state were represented by exhibits: Santa Cruz, Tuolumne, Modoc, Humboldt, Mendocino, Eldorado, San Bernardino, San Luis Obispo, San Diego, Monterey, Butte, Sonoma, Santa Clara and San Benito, all of which had excellent exhibits. The largest apple in the show was a Wolf River, which weighed twentyone and one-half ounces, and was exhibited by A. E. Elsbree of Sonora. The largest apple grown in the Pajaro Valley was a Gloria Mundi, exhibited by Beck Bros., and weighed twenty ounces. Both of these exhibitors received a handsome silver trophy as a prize, the former receiving the one donated by the association and the latter the one given by Miss Helen K. Wilder of the "Kipa Aloha" farm, near



Spreckels Sugar Factory, Spreekels, California, the largest beet sugar factory in the world, costing \$3,000,000. Also in the rear is advertising "One Big Week, Salinas, 1912," by the Salinas Chamber of Commerce. California Apple Show, Watsonville, California, October 9 to 14, 1911

the show the management had several booths, presided over by a number of young ladies, where sweet cider was served, and also where small souvenir boxes of apples could be procured. Near at hand, in a well fitted up booth, were representatives of the express company, who made a special rate for those desiring to send a box of apples to their friends. Apple pies and other apple desserts were served by the ladies in the refreshment room, and it was surprising the quantity of pies that were eaten—five hundred being an average day's consumption. Band music by three local bands, and instrumental and vocal music by the Hawaiian singers furnished the visitors abundance of entertainment each evening. The mammoth minstels of the Los Angeles Produce Exchange furnished one evening's vaudeville entertainment, which consisted of original songs and specialties, which were well received. In addition to this form of entertainment, lectures were delivered by W. S. Ballard of Washington, D. C.; Professor J. L. Dumas of Pullman, Washington; George E. Rowe of Grand Rapids, Michigan; W. H. Volck, Santa Cruz County Horticultural Commissioner; C. J. Sinsel of Boise, Idaho, and A. P. Bateham of Mosier, Oregon, on important questions relating to the apple industry.

A box-making and a packing contest were also instructive features of the show. The prize for the box-making contest was won by William Carter of Watsonville, who made ninety-nine apple boxes and a fraction in sixty minutes. Mr. Archie Bloom was a close



Two prize-winning cars, California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9 to 14, 1911. The car on the left is a Bellflower carload exhibited by Bradley Brothers, Watsonville, and won first prize for this variety. That on the right is a carload of Newtown Pippins exhibited by Gosposnetict & Zegor, Watsonville, which won the prize for the best carload of Newtown Pippins exhibited

second, his record being ninety-five boxes and a fraction. Mr. Carter won the gold watch and Mr. Bloom the silver watch, which were presented by the J. C. Pearson Co., "the cement coated nail people." In the packing contest each contestant was required to pack five boxes in fifty minutes. None took up the entire time. Manuel Ranzel was declared the winner and Peter Scurich came in second. A gold and a silver watch was given these contestants, same being presented by Blake, Moflitt & Towne of San Fran-

cisco. In connection with the show were several concessions, and a stroll "Down the Lane" was a sure remedy for the blues. Taking it all in all, the show was a success financially and otherwise. The attendance was in the neighborhood of fifty thousand. Much credit is due President O. D. Stoesser and John E. Gardner, chairman of the finance committee, the directors and others, who by their untiring efforts left no stone unturned to make the California Apple Show of 1911 a huge success.

Indiana Apple Show Held at Indianapolis

By C. G. Woodbury of Purdue University

apple culture, has lately had a great revival in Indiana. Evidence of this revival was seen at the Indiana Apple Show, which was held in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, on

November 6 to 11. The show was held under the auspices of the Indiana Horticultural Society, and was the first one of its size and scope seen in Indiana. The success and magnitude of this first show was so great and the enthusiasm

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Purdue exhibit at the Indianapolis Apple Show, at Indianapolis, Indiana, November 6 to 11, 1911

of the exhibitors so keen that the state society has decided to make it an annual affair, with a permanent commission in charge. Tomlinson Hall is the largest auditorium in Indianapolis, and it was taxed to its utmost to hold the exhibits of this year. The fruit was arranged on two large pitched banks with a flat topped table for plates between. The barrel classes were arranged around the walls of the room. The pitched banks were so devised as to accommodate 1,000 bushel boxes and trays. The plate table held 500 plates and room for about 200 barrels was provided. Every inch of this space was occupied by apple exhibits. The department of horticulture of the Purdue University Experiment Station had a large and attractive exhibit in a special booth, illustrating the results of good orchard management, styles of box packing, etc., in a color scheme of green and white. These colors blended very harmoniously with the rich reds, yellows and greens of the fruit on display. The stage was draped with large American flags and in its center was hung a huge electric sign bearing the legend, "Indiana Apple Show."

The show was a revelation to most visitors. Upon entering the hall, bank



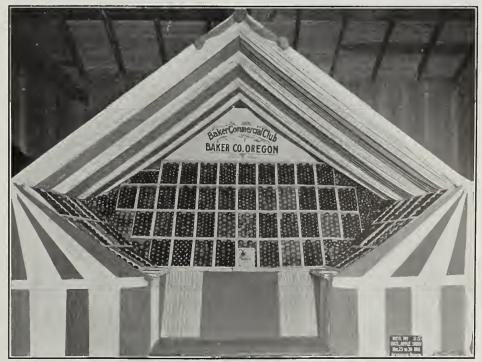
General view of Indianapolis Apple Show, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, November 6-11, 1911

after bank and tier after tier of choice and well packed apples grected the eye. Hoosiers are accustomed to gaze in admiration at small exhibits of one or two varieties of well colored Western apples as if they were unequaled anywhere, yet in this display there were many varieties of Indiana apples equaling the Western fruit in size and color and in flavor. Every apple in the hall was grown in Indiana, and was a credit to the state. Very attractive prizes were offered by the management, and practically every class had a complete list of entries. Class 1 was devoted to the individual orchardists. The first premium was a Western Triplex Hardie Power Spray Outfit, the second premium \$100 in gold and third premium \$50 in gold. Class 2 was limited to county exhibits. The Indianapolis News donated the first prize of \$200 in gold, and the management took care of the second and third prizes of \$100 and \$50, respectively. Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 were devoted to the five barrel, five box, one barrel and one box groups. The varieties in these classes were limited to the twelve most important commercial sorts suitable for Indiana, such as Baldwin, Ben Davis, Grimes, Jonathan, etc. The best five barrels of each variety took \$25 and the second best \$15. The best five boxes of each variety got \$20 and the second \$10. The best barrel of each variety was awarded \$15 and the second 50 apple trees, donated by C. M. Hobbs & Sons of Bridgeport, Indiana. The best box of each variety took \$10 and the second \$5. The varieties in both plate and tray classes were limited to forty-six. First prize for each variety in the tray class amounted to \$5 and second to \$2.50. In the plate class the firsts took \$1.50 and the seconds seventy-five cents. Third prize for each variety in every class was one year's subscription to the Fruit Belt, a fruit publication of the Middle West. Nine special prizes were offered for special class, such as the Scalecide cup for the best three boxes of any

variety; \$100 for the best five barrels for market, by the Ebner Cold Storage Company of Vincennes, and an aggregate of \$100 for the best box of apples grown in a limited area in Southern Indiana, offered by the Southern Railroad. The Monon Railroad offered \$200 for the sweepstakes box of the show. The total prize money offered by the show amounted to over \$3,000 in cash, besides numerous special premiums, consisting of sprayers, insecticides, etc., and practically every class was full of entrics.

Exhibits were entered from every fruit growing section of the state, and no one region carried away more than its fair share of the premiums. This one fact is to be taken as a pretty good indication that the whole of Indiana can and does produce a fancy grade of apples. The grand sweepstakes prize went to the Indiana School for Feeble Minded Youth at Fort Wayne. The school also took several other firsts in the other classes, carrying away in all \$237 in prize money as well as the "Scalccide" and "Fruitman and Gardener" cups, and numerous special prizes of nursery stock and orchard tools. This orchard has never before been a factor in Indiana horticulture. and great credit is due to the orchardist, Mr. Ora F. Richards. Reed & Fielding of Fayette County also were important factors in the competition. They had on exhibition over one hundred boxes of very high class fruit, and were awarded the \$300 Hardie Power Sprayer for the best individual orchard display as well as numerous minor prizes on barrels, boxes, trays and plates. Among other growers who took part in the removal of the premium money were J. M. Beaver & Son, Glenwood, who got second prize on the individual orchard display as well as numerous other prizes; the Burton Fruit Company, which exhibited five very fine boxes of Grimes; the Heacock Fruit Company, Charles Lindley, Chris. King, H. A. Whiteley, Walter Vonnegut, J. H. Mort, S. V. Hopkins, S. A. Hazelett, T. Y. Newby, G. A. Van Gilder, E. R. Smith, S. Billingsly, O. R. Abraham and many other leading horticulturists of Indiana.

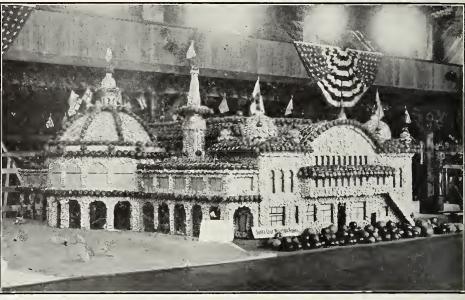
The main idea of this show was educational. In this respect it differed from shows of a similar nature held elsewhere. The majority of land and fruit shows exploit some particular fruit or farming region. This show was held by the Indiana Horticultural Society with the avowed purpose of educating the Indiana apple growers along the lines of improved apple culture, harvesting, packing and marketing. With this end in view, the man-



Baker Commercial Club exhibit at the Fourth National Apple Show, Spokane, November, 1911

agement first secured the services of the best fruit judge on this continent, H. E. Van Deman of Washington, D. C. Professor Van Dmean is ex-pomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, and has judged every show of note since the World's Fair at Chicago. The judge was well pleased with the show as a whole and commented very favorably on the quality of fruit shown. He says that with a little more care in packing the Indiana fruit can compete with that grown in any locality in the country. To watch Mr. Van Deman was a liberal education in itself, and he was always ready and willing to answer any questions relative to varieties. The horticultural faculty of Purdue University gave very generously of their time and effort so that the program might be of greater value to the grower. Professor C. G. Woodbury, chief of the department, who acted as secretary of the apple show commission, gave the first address on the daily educational program on "Orcharding in Indiana." He was followed during the week by both Mr. H. J. Reed and M. W. Richards. These men have had charge of the orchard demonstration work and talked to the growers on various phases of practical orchard culture. Mr. C. H. Baldwin, state entomologist, also gave a very interesting talk on the "Inspection of Nursery Stock." This is an important phase of orchard culture, and every grower should see that his nursery stock bears one of Mr. Baldwin's inspection tags.

Benjamin Hitz, of the commission firm of George Hitz & Co., presented the commission man's side of the marketing question. Mr. Hitz pleaded for a more honest pack and the growing of varieties more suitable for the commercial markets. If fruit is properly grown and honestly packed there will be little or no trouble with the more reliable commission firm. "Uncle" Joe

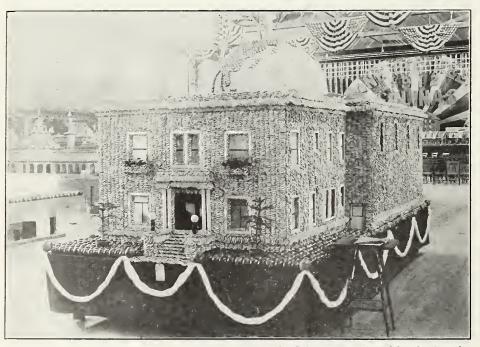


Santa Cruz Casino, the greatest Northern California pleasure resort, exhibited by the Santa Cruz Chamber of Commerce, winning third prize for feature exhibits at the California Apple Show, Watsonville, California, October 9 to 14, 1911

A. Burton of Mitchell, Indiana, gave an outline of his methods of caring for an apple orchard. "Uncle" Joe is one of the most successful growers in the Middle Wesl, and his system of orchard culture proved of great interest to spectators and growers alike. Laporte County has possessed a successful marketing association for some time. Dr. David Reeder, who has been instrumental in the success of this organization, told of the benefits to be derived from such an organization. He fully explained their system of looking for markets and just how these markets were supplied. The keynote of his address was also good products and honest packing. These are the two most important essentials of successful marketing. Every afternoon Mr. Earl Byers, an expert apple packer of Western training, gave practical demonstrations of the different apple packs. He

showed how to pack the large apple, how to pack the small ones and how to handle odd sized fruit. His demonstrations carried conviction to the spectators that the standard apple box is the coming package for the fancy fruit of the Middle West. These packing demonstrations were pronounced by the exhibitors to be one of the most beneficial features of the show. Professor Van Deman, in his short address to the growers, told them that with proper care in packing Indiana fruit would be second to none. Next season's exhibit will show the results of these packing demonstrations, as every exhibitor made it a point to be present at each demonstration and demanded that every conceivable pack should be illustrated.

From every standpoint the first Indiana Apple Show was a grand success. It is a very important forward step in Indiana horticulture and has done much to prove to the great mass of people in the state that in the apple industry Indiana has great latent possibilities. With proper care and management an apple orchard in Indiana will produce, year for year, just as much profit as the same area in any other state in the Union. The great success of this first Indiana Apple Show is due to the ceaseless work and untiring effort of the board of managers. This board consisted of president, E. R. Smith, a leading orchardist of the state; vice-president, C. N. Lindley, president of the Horticultural Society; secretary, C. G. Woodbury, chief of the horticultural department of Purdue University; treasurer, J. M. Cravens, fruit grower from the Jefferson County region, and superintendent, H. E. Barnard, drug and food commissioner of Indiana. These mcn worked night and day for the success of this show and are to be congratulated on the quality and quantity of fruit exhibited, the prizes offered and the excellent program presented. It is to be hoped that this same board may have charge of future shows.



Young Men's Christian Association Building, Watsonville, California, exhibited by the Association, awarded fifth prize, California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9 to 14, 1911

The Oregon Horticultural Society Meeting and Apple Show

By Frank W. Power, Secretary Oregon Horticultural Society

THE Oregon State Horticultural Society has just closed its twentysixth annual meeting, in connection with which they have always held an apple exhibit. This exhibit has been gradually growing in size until for the past two years it has reached a size needing a special corps of workers, and has been known as the Oregon Apple Show, although still under the auspices of the State Horticultural Society and held at the same time as the annual meeting, but has outgrown the small exhibit of a few hundred boxes which were formerly shown. While the 1911 show was not so large as the one held in 1910, owing to crop conditions in the Northwest, the quality of the display was the highest of any in the history of the society. Apples which a few years ago would have taken first prize could not have received honorable mention, so great has been the improvements in packing and grading the fruit in the past few years. It has never been the intention of the managers of the Oregon Apple Show to seek for large exhibits of carload lots from a single grower, and such will continue to be their policy. One show in the Northwest where carloads by growers are shown is enough.

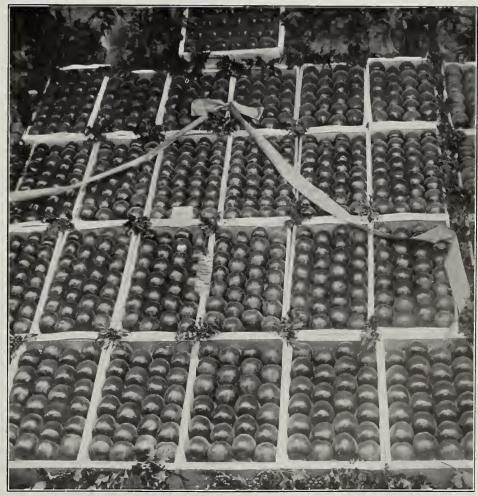
One of the new and prominent features of the 1912 Oregon Apple Show will be artistically staged and representative exhibits from every prominent fruit district in the Northwest, where the artistic arrangement rather than the size of the display will count. It is expected that a committee of Portland business men to be known as directors of the Oregon Apple Show will take charge, the incorporated society working as an auxiliary, and having charge of the program and meetings. A large building will be secured with an abundance of space for all features. As has been the case in the past, it is expected that large prizes will be offered for small exhibits. The largest prize in 1911 was for 100-box lots, but in 1912 the largest prize will probably be for 50-box lots, as it seems wisest to offer the same amount for a 50-box display as is usually offered for a much larger number of boxes, making it possible for a greater number of growers to enter for each prize. This brings about the same number of boxes in the aggregate, but of a higher quality, and by a much greater number of exhibitors, as but few orchards are large enough to pack carloads of exhibit fruits. This also makes competition more keen in each class and is more representative of the country, as more growers and more districts are represented. One great object of the apple show is educative. By seeing the finest specimens that it is possible to grow in each district others will be induced to try and grow better fruit. An editorial in one of our leading horticultural papers recently stated: "The apple shows bring the

competition, and the winners set the pace that others must follow. Every progressive fruit grower in the country ought, by all means, to attend at least one of the large apple shows each season, and a week spent at an apple show, observing and studying the fruit that is on display, listening to the lectures and talking with the past masters in apple growing, will teach one more about fruit growing than years of time in one's own orchard. It is interesting. It creates new ideals. It makes better orchards."

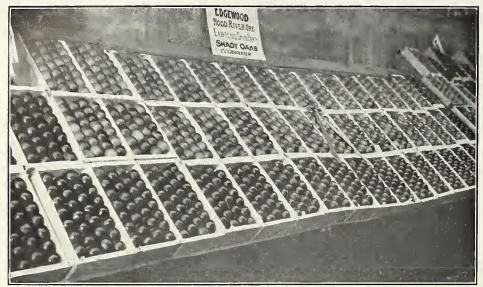
Every fruit district will be invited to bring a display and compete for the prizes. Special prizes will be awarded for special districts. Large prizes for the 50, 25, 10, 5, 3 and single-box lots and plate exhibits. In 1911 dried prunes and pears were shown for the first time in quantity, and this year we expect a still larger exhibit along these lines. The date of the Oregon Apple Show will be about the last week in November or the first week in December, and it will be one of the most interesting ever attempted in the Northwest. Not only will there be quantity and quality, but the artistic features will bring out a new class of competitors among the growers. At

the last apple show three states were represented, but in 1912 it is expected that every prominent fruit district will be on hand with an exhibit that will truly represent their district. This will gixe visitors a chance to compare size, color, form, etc., of the same apple grown under different climatic conditions.

At the last meeting of the society and Oregon Apple Show one of the most interesting and instructive features was the part taken by the students of the Oregon Agricultural College. The first contest was for naming varieties of apples on plates; a judging contest by the students of single and five-box lots before awards of the judges were placed, but the most interesting of all were the five-minute talks on various horticultural subjects by six of the students. Many of the members stated that it was the most interesting session of any horticultural meeting they had ever attended. Prizes were awarded in each case, and this year the students and faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College will be given at least one entire session, and probably an entire day, with as many new features as can be arranged, giving the students a chance for practical demonstration of the



Twenty-five boxes of Spitzenbergs, winning first prize at Portland Apple Show, 1911, and Hood River Apple Show, November 15-18, 1911, exhibited by Ferguson & Hawthorn, Hood River, Oregon



First prize exhibit of fifty boxes of apples at the Portland Apple Show, 1911, won by Lawrence & Smith and C. C. Carpenter, Hood River, Oregon

instruction they are receiving. Members of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College will be on hand with their exhibits from their entomological and pathological departments, ready to explain or answer any question by growers.

Last year one of the exhibits attracting much attention was a five-box entry packed by Miss Ann Shepard, the nineyear-old daughter of the editor of "Better Fruit," who won a prize on this pack. She also won a prize on a single box of Red Cheeked Pippins where she had to compete with expert packers from the entire Northwest. This is only an example of what the Northwest is doing along educative lines for fruit growing, when a nine-year-old girl is not only capable of packing a commercial box of apples, but of winning a prize in competition with the Northwest. How many adult Easterners could do as well? It has often been stated that all apple shows are too much alike and that the main difference is in the quantity shown. This

one will be different, and while quantity will be shown it will not be the leading attraction. It will give the small grower with artistic ability a chance to have an equal or even a better showing than his neighbor with a large commercial orchard. Full information will be sent to all on the mailing list or to anyone interested by addressing the secretary. It has always been the aim of the Oregon Apple Show not to compete with any existing apple show, but to offer something different. This year we expect to carry this idea to a greater extent than ever before. We are ready and willing to help boost any other apple show, no matter where situated. They are all doing a good work-helping to educate the grower to produce a better fruit, to make a better and more honest pack and grade of his fruit, educating the consumer to insist on better fruit, better grading and better packing; educating the public to eat more apples by seeing the most perfect specimens on exhibition.

Hood River at the Oregon Apple Show

By Roy C. Brock, Superintendent Hood River Exhibit

THE Oregon Apple Show, held under the direction of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, opened on Wednesday, November 15. Owing to the general shortage of the apple crop over the entire Northwest this season the display was not so extensive as many visitors had expected. However, the quality of that on display from each of the different sections was very creditable indeed, and all the other requisite points in connection with a model display were prominently in evidence. This year the society decided to discontinue the practice of giving a sweepstakes premium in addition to other premiums for the best general display and substituted for it the \$500 in premiums for the first, second, third and fourth best displays of 100 boxes, to consist of not less than three varieties of at least 25 boxes of each variety.

This premium was awarded to F. Davidson and J. C. Porter, both of Hood River. The display was made up of 28 boxes of Spitzenbergs, 28 boxes of Yellow Newtowns, 28 boxes of Arkansas and 16 boxes of Red Cheek Pippins. The premiums for the 50-box lots were awarded, the first to Lawrence, Smith & Carpenter of Hood River. The display consisted of Spitzenbergs, Winter Bananas and Yellow Newtowns. The second premium was awarded to The Dalles. Both exhibits were very creditable. The display of Winter Bananas was probably the largest of this variety ever on display at the Oregon Apple Show. The best 25 boxes of Spitzenbergs were displayed by Feguson & Hawthorne of Hood River. The second premium was awarded to Lawrence & Smith of Hood River. The excellence of both these displays may be realized

by the fact that when the scores of both were compared it was found that Ferguson & Hawthorne were only onetenth of a point ahead of Lawrence & Smith. The first premium for the best 25 boxes of Yellow Newtowns was awarded to Sears & Porter of Hood River and the second premium to Frank L. Davidson, for the Apple Land & Orchard Co. of Hood River. The scoring on these two displays was very close, an indication of the merit of each. Probably the next premium of most importance was that given by the Hazelwood Cream Store of Portland. It consisted of \$50 in cash for the best five boxes, not more than two boxes of each variety. This was awarded to Lawrence & Smith. The five boxes consisted of two boxes Spitzenbergs, two of Winter Bananas and one of Arkansas Blacks.

There were many of the awards on various quantities of varieties, ranging from ten-box lots to the plate apples, which are all deserving of mention and of credit to the exhibitors, but limited space will not permit of such discus-However, the following list shows the premiums awarded to exhibitors: Best ten boxes apples, three varieties, Mrs. H. O. Seiverkropp; best ten boxes Spitzenbergs, John Weaver; best five boxes Spitzenbergs, A. Hukari; second best five boxes Spitzenbergs, F. L. Davidson; best three boxes Arkansas Blacks, A. Hukari; best three boxes Rome Beauties, Sears & Porter; best three boxes Spitzenbergs, A. Hukari; second best three boxes Spitzenbergs, Keck & Magee; best three boxes Yellow Newtowns, George I. Sargent, Montague Farm; second best three boxes Yellow Newtowns, Sears & Porter; best box Baldwins, Oscar Vanderbilt; second best box Baldwins, John Weaver; best box Red Cheek Pippins, Ann Shepard; second best box Arkansas Black, Maxwelton Orchards; second best box Hydes King, A. Hukari; second best box Northern Spy, Oscar Vanderbilt; second best box Red Cheek Pippins, Geo. I. Sargent; second best box Ortley, Sears & Porter; second best box Delicious, William R. McCready; best box Winesaps, A. Hukari; best box Spitzenbergs, Keck & Magee; best plate Arkansas Blacks, Maxwelton Orchards; best plate Rome Beauty, Mrs. Roy C. Brock; best plate Wagener, Mrs. H. O. Seiverkropp; best plate White Winter Pearmain, Mrs. Scobee; best plate Yellow Newtowns, Maxwelton Orchards; second best plate Arkansas Blacks, Mrs. H. O. Seiverkropp.

One of the smaller exhibits is particularly deserving of mention and comment. The handsome exhibit of five boxes by Miss Ann Shepard, daughter of Mr. E. H. Shepard of "Better Fruit." Miss Ann is only nine years old, and did all the work in connection with packing the exhibit, and the high quality of her work goes to show that the younger generation, by their daily contact with the ideals in the growing of better fruit, is assimilating these ideals for future use in her life to

come. This little lady is to be praised for her excellent work and encouraged to exhibit on future occasions. Another exhibit especially worthy of comment was that made by A. Hukari. His total number of boxes displayed was thirteen, and won for him four first premiums and one second. It is far better to make a small display of the best rather than a large one of secondary quality. Mr. Hukari's first premium Winesap box and Mr. Olson's first premium Delicious box were the two best boxes of apples on display at the show, each lacking only one point in one thousand of perfection. Mr. Olson is a resident of the White Salmon Valley in Washington, near Husum. No doubt the incoming officers of the society will make the next show a larger and better one in every respect, and it is hoped that every grower will consider it his duty to get in and help to make all the displays larger and better. The incoming president of the society is a thorough man in this kind of work, and the show should be made of as much importance to Portland and Oregon as is the Rose Festival.



The Panama Canal, exhibited by the students of the Watsonville High School, at the California Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9-14, 1911, winning first prize of \$200 for the best feature exhibit, in addition to valuable silver trophy awarded by the Produce Exchange of Los Angeles

American Land and Irrigation Exposition

By Dudley Boylston

THE New York Land Show, in the language of President Hegeman of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, who visited it three times—"astounded New York with its showing of the productivity of our glorious country." W. M. Jardine, agronomist of the State Agricultural College at Manhattan, Kansas; George W. Cavanaugh, agricultural chemist of the State Agricultural College of New York; H. J. Webber, professor of plant breeding, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York; C. G. Williams of the State Agricultural College at Wooster, Ohio, and H. E. Van Deman, judge of pomology, of Washington, D. C., stated above their signatures, "As a collection of the agricultural products of America, this land show clearly surpasses anything of a similar nature ever held." Mr. M. L.

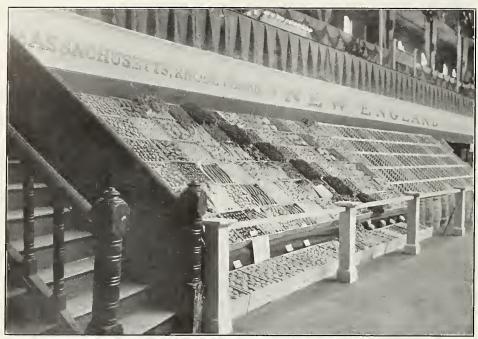
Dean, horticulturist for the State of Montana, wrote to the general manager of the land show: "The exhibition and horticultural display of the American Land and Irrigation Exposition is much the best and greatest that I have ever had the pleasure of attending. I commend in every way the efforts made by your officers, and assure you the people of Montana will appreciate what has been done, and will be exhibitors on a much larger scale at any show you may have charge of in the future."

George B. Haynes, assistant general passenger agent of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway, states: "New York land show is biggest and best ever given." Mr. E. C. Leedy, general immigration agent of the Great Northern Railway, states: "New York land products show in Madison Square

Garden is best in history of America." J. S. Dennis, president of the Canadian Pacific Irrigation Colonization Company and manager of the irrigation department of the Canadian Pacific Railway, wrote: "With reference to the American Land and Irrigation Exposition, having exhibited from the Atlantic to the Pacific, I have no hesitation in saying I have nowhere seen a more educational and attractive land show." Mr. L. J. Bricker, general immigration agent of the Northern Pacific Railway, says: "The exhibition of agricultural and horticultural products at Madison Square Garden this week is the finest ever made in the history of the world." Mr. M. V. Richards, land and industrial agent of the Southern Railway, wrote the management: "The great collection of agricultural and horticultural products gathered at this exposition is wonderfully complete. I have never known one which so fully shows the land resources, opportunities and possibilities of the country. If the people of New York City and the East fail to see and appreciate the exposition it will certainly be a great mistake on their part." Not only are the West, the South and the Northwest of accord in this view, but the East as well gave the New York show its endorsement. P. M. Harwood, manager of the New England exhibit, states: "Undoubtedly the best exposition showing American land products ever held." Mr. Raymond A. Pearson, commissioner of agriculture, Albany, New York, said: "I have seen many land shows, but none so comprehensive and well arranged as this one." S. C. Shaver, secretary of the New York State Fair, said: "It is



New York State exhibit at the New York Land Show, held in New York City November 3-12, 1911



General exhibit at the New York Land Show, November 3 to 12, 1911, from the New England States

the universal opinion that this is the best showing of land products of America ever assembled."

The superintendent of admissions states that 213,654 visitors viewed the exhibits during the eight-day term of the exposition in Madison Square Garden, and the Garden people affirm that it was the most beautiful and the best show ever held within that historic edifice. For the first time in the history of any show in Madison Square Garden it was necessary on eight different occasions for the police to close the doors because of the tremendous crowds assembled, and more visitors were not allowed to enter the land show until a number went out of the Garden. During the show and after its close it was the leading topic of conversation in banks, clubs and leading financial institutions of the metropolis.

A feature of the exposition was the attendance of the 19,358 school teachers of Greater New York. The exposition was inaugurated by a banquet given by President Stilwell to about five hundred prominent men, including those in charge of various exhibits, railroad presidents and other men of prominence in America. Among the speakers at the banquet were President Brown of the New York Central Railroad and Dr. Harvey Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture. The banquet was notable even in New York. It was held in the Waldorf Astoria. In the banquet hall there is a magnificent pipe organ, which was played during the dinner by Professor J. J. McClellan of the Salt Lake Tabernacle. The "Irrigated Region," which is a part of the irrigation ode written by Mrs. Gilbert McClurg and set to music by Professor McClellan, was sung by the Mormon Tabernacle choir of two hundred voices. The choir, whose women singers were attired in white, relieved against the black of the men's evening

dress, was placed back of the speakers' table, where sat governors and senators, and Hon. H. H. Gross, president of the National Soil Fertility League; President Henry Exall of the Texas Development League, Colonel Robert M. Thompson of the Cotton Exchange, Mr. Paul Ledyard Van Cleve of Montana and the toastmaster, Mr. William H. McElroy. During the course of the banquet a band of Indians, gaily costumed, marched through the hall bearing the pumpkin and the grape to President Stilwell's board, just as centuries before the Indians brought these products of the soil to Hendrik Hudson. These fruits were now presented to a representative of "Father Knickerbocker.'

Hon. Eugene Grubb, the potato specialist of Colorado who judged the potatoe's at the land show in New York, writes: "The New York Land Show was a brilliant exhibition in every I consider it the best ever installed, owing not only to the wide diversity and excellence of the displays but to the artistic manner in which the exhibits were arranged. Perhaps the most pleasing feature of these land shows is the opportunity they give to everyone to converse with the big, brainy men who are foremost in developing the agricultural interests of their states and districts. Their information and ideas are all of the greatest value. and it is on these occasions that they get into touch not only with the public but with their competitors or co-workers from many states. The spirit of rivalry is very beneficial to states as well as individuals. Shows of this kind are particularly interesting to city people who have once lived or were reared on a farm. It brings back to them the recollections of rural life, and renews their love of field and stream, and intensifies the yearning to get away again from the continuous rattle and roar of the city with its surface, elevated and subway cars, its busses, "taxis," trucks and what not.

The land show seems to be one of the elements that is to bring a still greater movement toward the farm, with its simple luxuries and lasting pleasures. The advance made in scientific agricultural knowledge has been a great factor in developing the country, and the land show is but another expression or element of the movement for a higher standard of living in rural communities, where the educated man will rule, as he does elsewhere. Mr. J. J. Hill of the Great Northern appeared as the principal patron of the New York Land Show. The magnificent trophies, valued at:\$15,000, for the exhibitors at the



General exhibits from the Northwestern States at the New York Land Show, November 3-12, 1911

New York show exceeded anything ever offered at an exposition for the encouragement of agriculture. Montana carried off four of these splendid prizes. Her barley from the Gallatin Valley took one of them. Without question this valley produces the best barlev in America. The conditions are so favorable that barley even of the finest type grown elsewhere improves from year to year on Gallatin Valley lands. The trophy-winning barley at the New York show was grown from prize seed brought from Germany and which had undergone the improving process in the Gallatin Valley for several years. The other trophies captured by Montana were for oats, wheat and alfalfa. It was natural to expect that Colorado would take the trophy for sugar beets, and she did. This state has a large percentage of the beet sugar factories in the United States and a vastly greater area devoted to beet growing than any other state. The industry has been developed to the highest standard. An eighteen-year-old boy from Greeley, Colorado, was the winner of this trophy. Now for the potatoes. When I begin on potatoes I never know when to stop until somebody pulls the string.

This exhibit was another tremendous surprise to those who know the potato industry. Asahel Smith and C. H. Stuart-Waite of New Westminster, British Columbia, were awarded the potato trophy. I have seen a great many potato exhibits, but never have I seen an equal of this one, the sensation of the New York Land Show. This trophy, valued at \$1,000, was offered by President Stilwell of the land show, and it was so fairly won that there was scarcely any chance left for second choice. Messrs. Smith and Stuart-Waite presented 101 exhibits of thirty pounds each, which embraced practically every well known variety of potato grown in Great Britain and the United States. Mr. Smith himself grew fifty-five separate acres and collected forty-six acres



General exhibit at the New York Land Show, November 3 to 12, 1911, made by the Southern Railway

from the farms in the district surrounding New Westminster. In order to do justice to other exhibitors who were in the competition I should state that these gentlemen have been for several years growing potatoes for exhibition. With such a conscientious and thorough apprenticeship they were in a fair way to stand as invincible exhibitors. They have won by reason of continuous effort. We are familiar with similar results in the livestock industry, where men have devoted years of effort to following closely the prize-winning requirements and always breeding to meet these requirements. For uniformity of growth and trueness to breed type characteristics, freedom from diseases and blemishes, and for the grouping of so many scparate and distinct varieties of potatoes in one display this exhibit was unsurpassed. Everyone of those thirty-pound exhibits was accompanied by a sworn certifi-

cate as to the measurement of the land and the yield. The products of these 101 acres varied from 300 to 900 bushels per single acre. Think of growing nine hundred bushels of potatoes on one acre of ground! This exhibit demonstrated to our potato growers in the states capabilities of our soils, and its value in this respect is practically measureless. This demonstration shows what seed selection, soil culture and fertilization can do in the matter of producing a great quantity of one of the most staple foods upon a small area of land. The Burbank creations from Northern California shown at the Pittsburg Land Show were brought to New York with other displays, and around these wonders the crowd swarmed continuously. Such fruits, such flowers, such vegetables and plants of many kinds were never seen outside of this exhibit before, and universal homage was paid to the patient investigator who produced them through a lifetime of painstaking study and experiment.

The agricultural departments of New York and other Eastern States were represented by diversified crops, which embraced long lists of the products of the farm, and all showing the steady advance of agriculture and improved conditions of farm life, which now may be made to embrace almost all the luxuries of the city without its numerous detractions and distractions." The \$1,000 corn prize, given by the International Harvester Company of America, was awarded to Virginia.

Professor Maurice A. Blake, horticulturist of New Jersey Experiment Station, had charge of the installation of exhibits competing for the various prizes, and he did his work remarkably well. Professor Blake will speak for the New York State Fruit Growers' Association in Rochester in January, urging that Eastern apple growers should pay more attention to the packing of fruit and advising that rules in regard to fruit exhibits are too loose



General exhibit made by the State of Utah at the New York Land Show, November 3 to 12, 1911



Potato exhibit at the New York Land Show, held from the 3rd to 12th of November, 1911, made by Smith & Stuart-Waite of New Westminster, B. C., winning the prize cup trophy, valued at \$1,000, donated by A. E. Stilwell, president of the land show

and not detailed enough, in all parts of the United States. This was forced upon the attention of Eastern growers more at the New York Land Show than anywhere else, and no doubt will arouse the growers, inducing them to establish more definite rules. In a contest between various sections there are, of course, one or more who attempt to have special arrangements made as to judging which are likely to favor those sections, and some national standard should be drawn up and strictly adhered to in all cases. Variations from a common standard lead to much dissatisfaction. Mr. Blake writes:

"The boxed apple exhibits at the recent land show held in Madison Square Garden, New York, were the most extensive ever staged in the vicinity of New York. The Northwest was well reprcsented by some fine and well packed fruit. There were only six entrics from the Eastern States and one from British Columbia competing against the entrics from the Northwest." The Eastern growers were not pleased with the elimination of quality on the score card in awarding the prize of \$500 in gold offered by Howard Elliott, president of the Northern Pacific, for the best twenty-five boxes of apples of any variety or varieties, a single variety to the box, grown anywhere in the world and exhibited at the New York Land Show. Exhibitors who entered Eastern grown fruit for the prize were not familiar with the style of pack and size of fruit considered best in boxed fruit competitions. Mr. Grant Hitchings of Syracuse, New York, had the best twenty-five boxes of apples of any of the Eastern exhibitors. Mr. Hitchings had some beautifully colored Spies and of a very high quality, but these were of a large size, and ran eighty and seventy-two to the box. The judge considered these too large and scored off five points on size. This grading did not appeal to many Eastern growers, and they maintained that large apples sell for better prices and are in better demand in New York and many local

markets than are smaller apples. New England had a very fine display of apples, principally of the McIntosh variety. These were all of uniform size and of very high quality. None of the fruit on exhibition from New England was in competition, however. This exhibition at the land show afforded Eastern growers an opportunity to study the standards of the Northwest, and other contests of this kind are certain to be much closer.

Eastern growers in general, however, will urge a larger size apple than is being judged as the best size for boxes by Western growers. Much was also said in favor of the barrel as a package by Eastern fruit growers, and it was believed that the barrel package still occupies a strong place as a market package in the East. This, however, is not desired by the commission merchants or by the fruit peddlers. Eastern growers are only just beginning to

give attention to the exhibition of apples in boxes. Much less has been done in the East in the way of demontrations and instruction in regard to packing apples in boxes, and Eastern exhibitors need more experience in this line. The East has not made any organized effort to establish standards of its own as to apple contests, and it does not matter if the Western standards are pushed completely to the front. Many Eastern growers attended the land show, and they all agree that there was a magnificent display of fruit, but they do not agree with the Western standards for the size of apples. If certain New England fruit growers had entered into the apple competition the contest would have been much closer. The New York and New England growers will, however, demand that quality be considered in future contests which they may enter.

At the New York Exposition the score card was as follows: Quality 20, color 20, size 10, uniformity 10, condition 20, pack 20, a total of 100 points. Pack card as follows: Compactness 4, bulge 4, alignment 4, height at ends 4, attractiveness 4, a total of 20 points.

It is remarkable that a woman should win the grand sweepstakes prize of \$500 in gold and also the silver cup, given by Adrian G. Hanauer of Spokane, for the best apples exhibited from the Northwest, and it is remarkable that the five highest scores were made by growers in the State of Washington, as follows: Mrs. Ella D. Rowland, Toppenish, who exhibited twenty-five boxes of Winesaps, score 982%; Robert Johnson, North Yakima, 5 Salome, 10 Winesap, 5 Spitzenberg, 5 Arkansas Black, score 978.7; J. D. Laughlin, Toppenish, 2 Spitzenberg, 15 Winesap, 7 Stayman, 1 King David, score 9761/15; H. M. Gilbert, North Yakima, 25 Winesaps, score 975%; Beasley & Dinges, North Yakima, 5 Spitzenberg, 20 Wine-



General view of main floor of the Auditorium, where feature exhibits were placed, California
Apple Show, Watsonville, October 9 to 14, 1911

sap, score 974; Grant G. Hitchings, Syracuse, New York, 4 McIntosh, 1 Sutton, 3 Greenings, 2 Canada Red, 3 Hubbardston, 6 Spy, 6 King, score 970.04; E. B. Crockett, Lynchburg, Vir-

ginia, 25 Winesaps, 891%.

The James J. Hill \$1,000 wheat prize was won by James Todd of Geyser, Montana, with honorable mention to Edward W. Weckel of Fruita, Colorado. It was indeed a surprise that Southern California should receive the \$1,000 prize cup for the best short staple cotton. This cup was won by Mr. Howard S. Reed, president of the American Nile Company, El Centro, California. The \$1,000 alfalfa cup went to Dr. W. X. Sudduth of Billings, Montana, and the hops trophy was won by DeWitt M. Mitchell of Schuyler Lake, New York. The oats trophy was won by Messrs. A. F. Patton and W. J. Hartman of Bozeman, Montana, and the barley trophy went to R. Eisinger of Manhattan, Montana. The \$1,000 in gold for the best wheat grown in the two Americas and given by President Shaughnessy of the Canadian Pacific Railway, was won by Seager Wheeler of Rosthern, Saskatchewan. Among the land gifts at the exposition were a \$3,000 apple orchard near Spokane, a five-acre pecan grove near Tallahassee, orange land near Fort Myers, Florida; farm land in Montana and Texas, and two grain tracts in Wyoming.

Elbert Hubbard, in his "Philistine" for December, pronounced this exposition "the most important happening that has taken place in New York this year," and "no exhibition like it, or equal to it, has ever been held in New York City." The New York Sun



One hundred boxes of apples, consisting of Spitzenbergs, Yellow Newtowns, Arkansas Blacks, Red Cheek Pippins, exhibited by Sears & Porter, Apple Land and Apple Orchard Company, and George I. Seargant, Hood River, Oregon, at the Portland Apple Show, 1911. Also exhibited at the Hood River Apple Show, November, 1911

of November 12th quoted from Gilbert McClurg, general manager of the land show, whose offices are in the Singer Building, New York, that there surely would be another land show next year, for the crowds that had attended this year's show warranted the holding of another. Next year's exposition will not be confined to exhibits of this country and Canadian Northwest, but will include exhibits from South America. It will be in truth an American Land and Irrigation Exposition, the finest showing of the products of the soil ever assembled anywhere any time. The New York Land Show for 1912 will run from November 15 to December 7, inclusive -twice the length of the exposition

this year. It will be held in a building larger than Madison Square Gardenin the magnificent structure of the Seventy-first Regiment Armory, Thirtythird and Thirty-fourth Streets and Park Avenue, which has ideal transportation facilities. The officers of New York's first land show, because of its great success, have been retained, and will direct and manage the New York Land Show of 1912. Many of the exhibitors of the present year have signified their intention to exhibit in New York in 1912, because in that financial and immigration center they find that their products and land advertisements will be made known in the greatest population center of the New World.

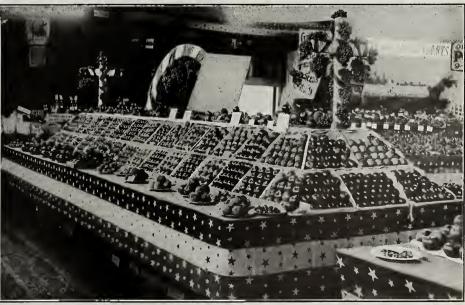
Fruit Exhibit at Utah State Fair

By J. Edward Taylor, State Horticultural Inspector

WHEN President William H. Taft entered the Horticultural Building at the Utah State Fair last fall he remarked with considerable emphasis, "My, what beautiful apples."

C.A. MCKENEDORAL SUPERVISOR As a matter of fact the fruit showing at the fair was a great surprise to the majority of the local people—even those who are somewhat familiar with the very rapid stride which the fruit industry of Utah has been making in the last few years. One of the most valuable re-

sults derived from the fair was the pronounced demonstration of the improvement which the fruit growing interests of the state had made during 1911. It was unquestionably one of the finest horticultural displays ever made in this state. The educational value of the fairs can hardly be overestimated, both from the standpoint of the grower and that of the public. The individual growers have their standards brought up to the highest degree of perfection, the consuming public has a good opportunity to form its opinion of what constitutes good fruit, and as a conse-



One of the individual displays made by Garth & Sons, Draper, Utah, at the Utah State Fair October 2 to 8, 1911



Prize-winning collective county exhibit, made by Box Elder County, Brigham City, Utah, at the Utah State Fair, October 2 to 8, 1911

quence demands of the grower a better quality, Then, too, there is a lot of general publicity given to the fruit business, which brings increased sales to the grower and consequent greater consumption of fruit by the people.

The competition between individuals was especially strong in the variety plate displays of commercial apples, each grower being particularly anxious to excel in the production of the leading varieties. The fair management was wise in this respect, paying premiums on those varieties which are commercially grown in the greatest abundance over the state. Included in this list are the Jonathan, Winesap, Rome Beauty, Gano, Spitzenberg, Winter Banana, Wealthy, Arkansas Black, Mammoth Black Twig. Smaller premiums were awarded on a second group of apples including the Ben Davis, Missouri Pippin, Lawver, White Winter Pearmain, Rhode Island Greening, Northwest Greening, Yellow Bellflower, York Imperial, Grimes Golden, McIntosh Red, Wolf River, Delicious, Baldwin, Northern Spy and Newtown Pippin. No premiums were paid on individual varieties other than those mentioned in this list. The growing of commercial varieties was still more emphasized by the offering of a still larger premium for the best thirty specimens of the first eight varieties listed above. A special premium of \$15 was paid for the best collective exhibit of apples of the varieties named.

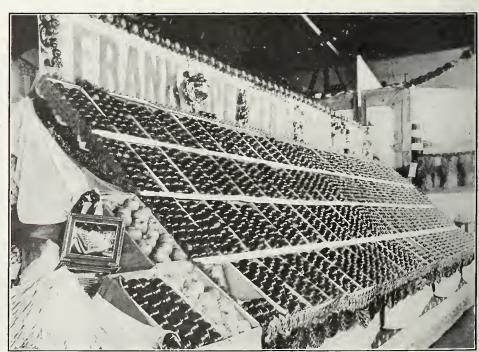
In pears the Bartlett was the variety most generally shown, but there was also some very fine specimens of Beurre de Anjou, Vermont Beauty, Lawrence, Paul du'Barry, Winter Nelis and Flemish. The peach is an important factor in the fruit growing of the state, but it was a little late in the season to make the extensive showing

which the commercial development justified. However, there was a number of varieties shown, including the Elberta, Celler's Cling, George A. Lowe, Globe, Heath Cling, Utah Orange, King Cling, Muir and Late Crawfords. Plums and prunes are not as extensively grown in the state as the peaches and apples, consequently the competition in this class was not keen. The Fallenburg, German, Hungarian, Italian, Giant and Petite were displayed in greatest numbers. The showing in grapes was limited to a few growers, but the display as a whole contained a good collection of the leading commercial varieties, including Muscatel, Black Amber,

Flame Tokay, Thompson Seedless, Concord, Black Prince, Niagara, Black Pearl, Purple Damascus, Zinfandel, Chasselas Rose (Red), Muscat of Alexandria, Black Ferrera, Black Hamburg, Black Cornichon, Black Melvoise and Sweet Water. Among the miscellaneous exhibits was a splendid collection of bottled fruits, peanuts, English walnuts, hard and soft shelled almonds and quinces.

The fair management realized the importance of introducing better methods of packing and handling fruit among growers, and therefore offered special premiums for the best packs of apples, peaches, pears and plums. The growers who received prizes in these classes felt signally honored. The awards for the best pack of apples went to Francis Spencer, Jr., Provo; H. B. Childs, Riverdale, and Oliver Senior, Springville, second and third. In the pear pack Otto J. Poulson, Provo, first; R. W. Brereton, Provo, second. First premium for the best pack of prunes went to Otto J. Poulson, Provo; L. C. Kjar & Sons, Provo, and S. W. Cragun & Sons, Ogden, second and third. Oliver Senior, Springville, won first honors on the peach pack; S. W. Cragun & Sons, Ogden, second.

The 100-box displays of apples were the most meritorious exhibits in the Horticultural Building. First premium in this class went to H. B. Childs of Riverdale on one hundred boxes of Jonathans. The second prize went to Franklin Spencer, Jr., Provo, for display of the same variety. There exists considerable rivalry between the various fruit counties for first place as a fruit producing county. Box Elder County, of which Brigham City (the famous peach district) is the county seat, won the silver cup on a very extensive and artistically displayed collection of fruits of all kinds.



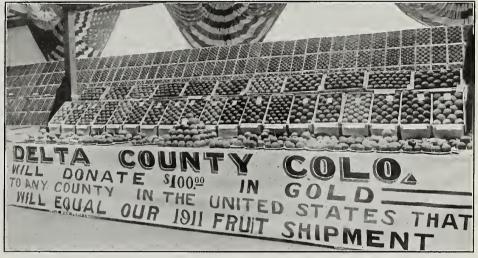
One hundred boxes Jonathan apples, exhibited by Frank Spencer, Jr., Provo, Utah, at the Utah State Fair, October 2 to 8, 1911

The American Apple Exposition Held at Denver, Colorado

By A. W. Sowers, Director Publicity American Apple Exposition

WELVE states and the Dominion of Canada were represented at the second annual show of the American Apple Exposition Association held at Denver, Colorado, from November 13 to 18, inclusive. From the stand-point of quality of fruit and the uniform excellence of pack the exposition was a great success. The attendance from the state was all that could be expected and general satisfaction was expressed over good results that can be expected for the apple industry in general. The experiment of excluding carload displays and restricting the exhibits to twenty-five boxes and under met with general approval, and demonstrated that this ruling will prevail in the future so far as apple shows in Denver and Colorado are concerned. It was the unanimous opinion of fruit growers who exhibited at Denver that the carload displays are too bulky for show purposes.

The premium list was generous, figured on the box rating. Prizes and premiums were awarded on 382 classes and divisions. Besides, there were numerous entries that failed to get in sight of the "money," consequently it will be seen that the entry list was widely distributed. A feature of the show was the presence of new growers who did not exhibit at the apple show in Denver two years ago. There was a large number of familiar faces among the exhibitors, and the newcomers in their midst demonstrated the popularity of the Denver exposition. Keen competition was manifested among the Colorado apple sections. Delta County came in under the wire first in total premiums with fifty first and sixty-five second awards, including sweepstakes and specials. Outside of the plate and by-products classes Delta and Mesa Counties were practically a tie, Delta taking twentythree first and twenty-three second and third premiums, while Mesa took twenty-five first and twenty-four second and third. As usual, however, in the plate classes, Delta was in the lead over all competitors. Mesa County is nevertheless satisfied with her showing, being in a position to boast of leading in the larger classes, taking eleven out of twenty-four of the sweepstakes and special premiums. Montezuma County enjoyed a great the float shown in the industrial parade. Perhaps the finest individual display was that from the famous Cross Ranch, located near Clifton in the Grand Valley. This ranch consists of 240 acres, principally in apples, but having some peaches and pears, and this is the first season that the ranch has produced apples. Mr. Cross was awarded the special premium for an improved pack, the principal feature of which is a cardboard division



A section of the display from Delta County, Colorado, which led all fruit districts on total first, second and third premiums, including several sweepstakes. The challenge issued by them on the banner has not yet been accepted. This exhibit was made at the American Apple Exposition at Denver, November 13 to 18, 1911

deal of publicity over the fact that the exhibits from that section had to be freighted a long ways in wagons around a washout on the railroad. Under the leadership of W. T. Bozman of Cortez, G. W. Spencer, G. W. Turner, Edgar Buchanan and George M. Raymond of Durango this exhibit captured ten first premiums and nine consolidated prizes, including one of the sweepstakes. Canon City scored first in the district display, besides on

between each apple. The entire crop on this ranch was high class, and Mr. Cross was congratulated on all sides for the interest he is showing in quality of fruit and standard of pack. The Denver Post trophy, which was a handsome silver cup, was awarded to Kelly & Graves of Grand Junction.

A departure from the usual plan of holding apple shows was made this year by the introduction of hippodrome features in the huge auditorium. A special building was erected alongside the auditorium for the apple exhibits and the large auditorium, except that the basement of which was used for exhibits, was devoted to the carnival attractions. There was a special hippodrome for each night in the week, including an athletic tournament, military tournament, horse show, grand state and military ball and mask ball. The street decorations were magnificent, including both the day and night decorations. Denver never was lighted more brilliantly than it was that week. An important adjunct to the show was the second annual convention of the American Apple Congress, which was held in the convention hall of the Albany Hotel, November 14, 15 and 16. The program was excellent and many important subjects of vital interest to the apple industry were discussed. It was the sense of the congress, however, that future sessions should not be held



Handicapped by disastrous floods, which washed out hundreds of miles of track of the only railroad entering their district, Montezuma County, Colorado, exhibitors displayed their nerve by freighting out their exhibit to the nearest railroad point for entry at the American Apple Exposition at Denver, Colorado, in November, and were awarded with one sweepstakes, besides numerous premiums on their plates and boxes



Sectional view of the exhibit hall at the American Apple Exposition held in Denver, Colorado, November 13 to 18, 1911, showing arrangement of plate and box displays. The booth on the right is the Canyon City district display, which won first premium; the center booth is that of the Intermountain Fruit Journal of Grand Junction; the exhibit on the racks on the left with the banner "From the Wayside Orchard, Grand Junction, Colorado," was made by F. S. Carman, a private exhibitor, who cleaned up over \$1,000 in cash and trade premiums.

in connection with apple expositions, for the reason that many of the members are exhibitors and this fact detracts from the congress.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, William L. Roylance, Provo, Utah; first vice-president, H. R. Howard, Chattanooga, Tennessee; second vice-president, B. F. Coombs, Kansas City; third vice-president, Fred Goebel, Hutchinson, Kansas; secretary, Clinton L. Oliver, Paonia, Colorado; treasurer, Edward F. Crocker, Denver. Selection of the next place of meeting was left

to the executive committee. An important step taken by the congress was the appointment of a special committee of five to investigate the feasibility of designating a number of points in the West as best adapted to the development of storage facilities and to secure from storage houses at such points equitable rates for storage, or, if necessary, to determine the practicability of fruit growers building their own storage plants for joint usage. Denver was designated as headquarters for the permanent work of the congress.

Canon City, Colorado, to the Front

E ARLY in the sixties "Uncle" Jesse Frazier, one of Colorado's pioneers, planted the first apple orchard in Colorado near the town of Canon City, which lies at the head of the Arkansas Valley, one of the most fer-tile and productive sections in the State of Colorado. It was found that fruit flourished in this section, and by 1880 Canon City district became quite famous for its fruits. As frequently occurs in such cases, Canon City fruit growers felt so secure in their section being the foremost fruit section in the State of Colorado, and so confident that their enviable reputation, which brought them fancy prices for their fruit, was so well established that nothing could take it away from them that they made the great and inexcusable error of relaxing their vigilance in the packing and grading of their fruit. The Canon City district continued to improve its quality of the fruit grown while its grading and packing became steadily worse each year until fruit, no matter how fine, bearing the earmarks of the Canon City district was immediately classed in the minds of the buying public as a third class article.

This condition became so serious that six years ago the Troutmans, pro-

prietors of the Round Crest Orchards, and several other of the prominent Canon City growers determined that through their individual efforts they would improve the grading and packing of the Canon City fruit until the grade was equal, if not superior, to any other fruit shipped from the State of Colorado. This was an herculean task, one that was not accomplished in one year; in fact it is still in progress. The results are most gratifying. Today it is a mark of quality to have the Canon City stamp on a box of apples. The prices obtained for some of the Canon City fruit this year surpassed any other prices in the state, and Canon City has once more regained its enviable position—that of being the leading fruit section of the State of Colorado. The keeping quality of the Canon City apples was splendidly shown at the American Apple Exposition recently held in Denver, when apples picked in October, 1910, were exhibited. After being in the show room for nearly two weeks these apples, which had been in cold storage nearly fourteen months, could scarcely be distinguished from the apples of this year.

In proof of the great strides made by this district, attention is called to the wonderful record made in the show rooms by this district—Fremont County. For three years in succession they have taken sweepstakes for the best horticultural display at the state fairs, while this present year they took more premiums than any other two counties put together, and at the last Interstate Fair held in Denver, 1910, seventy-five per cent of the total awards were given to this county. At the recent American Apple Exposition held in Denver, 1911, Canon City district took more premiums than any other fruit district in the United States. The Round Crest Orchards alone carried off prizes offered to the value of about two thousand dollars in cash, silver trophies and special premiums, while other Canon City exhibitors held up their end equally well. At this exposition, where the competition was naturally very severe, the Canon City district took first prize on the best twenty-five boxes of Jon-



General view of the monster canvas and frame exhibit hall at the American Apple Exposition, Denver, Colorado, November 13 to 18, 1911. The building was 360 feet in length by 40 feet in widtli, and was crowded to the doors with fruit and trade machinery exhibits



Grand sweepstakes display made from the Round Crest Orchards of the Canon City district, at the American Apple Exposition, Denver, Colorado, November 13 to 18, 1911

athans, first prize on the best twenty-five boxes of Grimes Golden, first on the best twenty-five boxes any variety, sweepstakes in Division No. 1, first prize on the best district display of any fruit district in the United States and Canada, and over one hundred other prizes on twenty-five box, ten box, five box, single box and plate exhibits.

There are four thousand acres of bearing orchards now in Canon City district, with six thousand acres of young orchards coming into bearing within the next two to four years. This makes the Canon City district the largest fruit section in the West. The western slope of Colorado and the Montezuma district are great fruit districts. They have not, however, the railroad facilities and many other natural advantages that are enjoyed at Canon City, which is reached by the Santa Fe road. With the reputation for grading and packing that is fast returning to Canon City district, and with the wonderful scenic attractions that are not surpassed anywhere in Colorado, Canon City and vicinity promises a very bright and wonderful future.—Contributed.

The Michigan Land and Apple Show

By Herman O. Zandir, Ada, Michigan

THE First Michigan Apple and Land Show at Grand Rapids has accomplished what its promoters, Secretary John I. Gibson of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, Traverse City, and Manager J. A. Taylor of the Grand Rapids Evening Press, had intended it should do, namely, to prove that Michigan fruit growers, by using scientific and up-to-date methods in growing, picking, grading apples and other fruit, they can produce as fine fruit as can be grown anywhere. The Coliseum at Grand Rapids, in which the show was held from November 7 to 11 inclusive, was tranformed into a veritable Garden of Eden. No more pleasing effect could have been produced than the fruit, flowers and displays which fascinated thousands of people daily. The booths were constructed of white birch logs and poles, while the railings about the displays of the Western Michigan Development Bureau and the "Original Fruit Belt" were made of oak rails. The rustic rails, the white birch, the flowers, the green and autumn foliage, together with the big red and yellow apples, blended beautifully, thus doing away entirely with the mechanical effect. Visitors from the Far West and the East united in saying the effect was

the most beautiful and artistic they had ever seen.

The feature of the show was the display of box apples by the Western Michigan Development Bureau. This was the best put up collection ever seen in Michigan. Thirty-seven varieties were in this huge bank, which

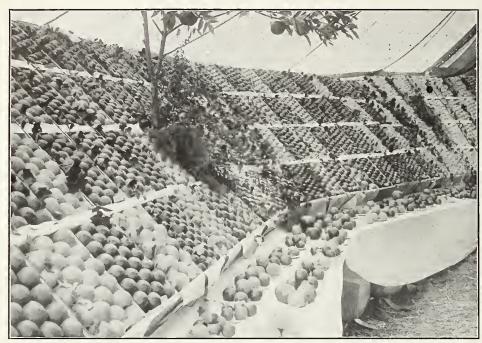
extended the entire length of the north wall of the Coliseum. Another large display was that of the "Original Fruit Belt." The grand prize for individual growers was won by Frank Smith of Traverse City. E. H. Wilice, a grower of Empire, Michigan, displayed some very fine boxes of Snows packed in a special patented carton which does away with bruising of tender varieties.

Thousands of people attended the apple show daily to listen to lectures on scientific fruit growing and to learn how to pack apples in boxes. Pro-fessor O. K. White of Michigan Agricultural College and Professor Smith, field and orchard expert of the Western Michigan Development Bureau, gave daily demonstrations in packing apples in boxes. Lectures on fruit growing were given by Professor H. J. Eustace, Paul Rose, Robert D. Graham, Charles E. Bassett, T. A. Farrand, E. O. Ladd and John Gibson. Governor Charles S. Osborn, Lieutenant-Governor J. Q. Ross, Senator William Alden Smith, Congressmen Edward F. Sweet, James C. McLaughlin and other national notables spoke optimistically of Michigan's future as a fruit growing state.

We have often been asked if it is advisable to plant red apples and green apples together in the same orchard. Practically, yes; theoretically, no. You can make a red apple darker by having it planted with a dark red apple than by planting it with a light green or yellow apple. So, for Winesaps, we sometimes recommend the Arkansas Black. It accelerates the dark color. This is a theory we have had under consideration for some time and have found it is true. Generally the Arkansas Black is a shy bearcr, but in the West in most irrigated sections it is a good bearer. If we were planting for dark colored apples, we would prefer dark colored ones as pollenizers.



Kalamazoo exhibit at the First Michigan Apple and Land Show, held at Grand Rapids, Michigan, November 7 to 11, 1911



Display from the Intermountain Fruit Fair, held at Boise, Idaho, October, 1911

Idaho Inter-Mountain Fair Held at Boise

By Arthur Hodges

THE last Inter-Mountain Fair, held at Boise, in October, 1911, was the most successful, from an horticultural standpoint, that has ever been held in Idaho, and, according to some authorities, in the entire Northwest. That the exhibits of fruits were of such a high order is due no doubt to the stringent horticultural laws existing in Idaho, whereby a very efficient horticultural inspector and an assistant for each county in the state exercises supervision over the thousands of acres of orchard lands in the state, and compel compliance with the laws regarding spraying. The same department watches closely the various fruit dealers of the state in order to prevent the offering for sale of any infected fruit, and to this reason more than to any other must be given the credit for the marvelous advancement of the horticultural industry in Idaho during the past year over preceding years, as shown by the number and quality of the various exhibits of fruits on display at the fair.

Another factor that probaly had something to do with the fruit exhibit's excellence is the fact that the past season has been a bountiful one in Idaho, not only in the line of horticulture but in other lines of agronomy as well. The total yield of fruit fell a little below that of last year, but owing to the co-operation of the growers with the state horticultural department the quality was away ahead of previous years. The educational campaigns carried on by this valuable department of the state is meeting with favor from every man who is interested in the orchard industry, and is resulting in making Idaho fruit known all over the world as the best

there is. During the last fair many boxes of Idaho fruit, and especially apples, were purchased for foreign lands. Several boxes of choice apples were sent direct to the Emperor of Germany, with the compliments of a high official of the German empire who visited the fair.

The only fault that could be found with the horticultural exhibit at the last fair was that too many of the growers produced too many varieties, and did not limit their output to those which are known to thrive best on lands such as that occupied by their orchards. This condition, however, is

being done away with, as the campaigns inaugurated by the Agricultural College of the State University and the state horticultural department, in which farmers and fruit growers are urged to determine the best crops which are suited to their peculiar soils, and then to specialize in those crops only.

During the progress of the fair a number of buyers and representatives of Eastern and Middle Western fruit houses and a few orchardists from the same sections of the country were in attendance for the purpose of comparing the methods pursued in fruit culture in this state with those of their states. The consensus of opinion, freely expressed, was that the fruit growers of their sections were away behind the times in regard to fruit culture. They admitted that the first grade apples of the East and the Middle West were on a par with the second grade apples of the states of the Northwest, and declared that this condition was the result of the laxity of the horticultural laws in the East. "Spraying in the East and Middle West," said these men, "is either not done at all or else in a slipshod manner. The trees are not properly looked after, and the result is that the East and Middle West produce an inferior crop when compared with that of the Northwest, where horticulture is pursued along scientific lines." In so far as the fruit industry in Idaho is concerned, the growers are constantly striving to better the quality of their fruit, and in my opinion the next Inter-Mountain Fair, which will be held in Boise next fall, will show still more wonderful results than have already been achieved, through more careful and scientific treatment of fruit trees.



Bitter Root Valley Irrigation Company's exhibit at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition, Chicago, November 18 to December 9, 1911

THE HOLT CATERPILLAR

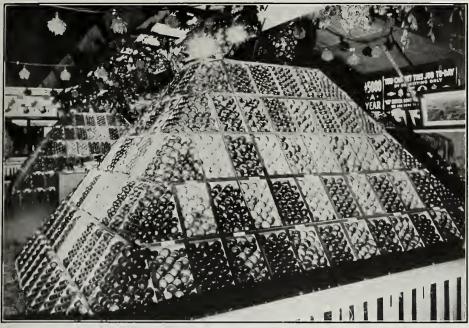
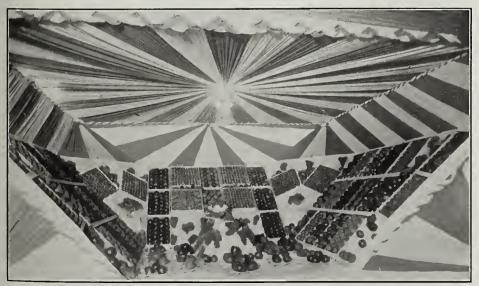


Exhibit made by the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation Company at the United States Land and Irrigation Exposition, Chicago, November 18 to December 9, 1911

Bitter Root Valley at Chicago Land Show

Root Valley at the recent Chicago Land Show was one of the most attractive would be putting it mildly. It gives us much pleasure to reproduce two views of the display. An officer of the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation Company writes "Better Fruit" as follows: "We brought two carloads of exhibits to the show, chiefly apples, making an especial feature of the McIntosh Red. Our exhibit occupied a space having a frontage of fifty feet and approximately the same depth. Two large pyramids of apples, each of which had a base of 225 square feet, ribboned and labeled, and reaching to the extreme height permitted by the rules of the exhibit, were the most salient features. The big Bitter Root Valley potatoes which were on display, cut in halves to substantiate the

claim that they were solid all the way through, weighed more than three pounds each. Two tables of plate and jar displays of apples added greatly to the attractiveness of the exhibit, which was planned by Mr. R. W. Emerson, director of publicity of the Bitter Root Valley Irrigation Company, and Mr. M. L. H. Odea, special advertising representative of the company in Bitter Root Valley. A display of Bitter Root Valley honey and butter attracted much attention. The exhibit furnished a novelty in the form of a very attractively decorated office, with curtains intervening between it and the exhibit proper. A huge electric sign and automatic picture machine and large colored pictures of Bitter Root Valley scenes made the exhibit as conspicuous as any in the land show."



Display made by C. W. Dossett and L. G. Seaton, College Place, Washington, at the Walla Walla County Fair, September 18 to 23, 1911

The problem of eultivating large farms and The problem of cultivating large farms and orehards rapidly and economically has at last been made possible by The Holt Manufacturing Company, of Stockton, California, the makers of the Holt Caterpillar gasoline traction engine. The Holt Manufacturing Company, acknowledged to be the pioneer in the manufacture of agricultural steam tractors, about seven years ago, when the internal combustion engine and the use of gasoline as a fuel in the same had become possible turned attention to same had become possible, turned attention to the development of a gasoline farm tractor. In the regular course of the Holt work an order was filled for a special standard farm engine to be used in cultivating reclaimed land in the San Joaquin Valley, California. The condi-tions were such that it became necessary to use main wheels seven feet six inches in diameter and six feet wide, with auxiliary wheels of the same size. In plowing, still other additional auxiliary wheels with a six-foot extension were utilized, thus making a bearing surface thirty-six feet wide, with eighteen feet of it on each side. This ponderous machine led to the manufacture of the Caterpillar engine. After three years of experiment the Caterpillar was placed on the market by the Holt Company. The Caterpillar engine received its name from its peculiar creeping, crawling motion, and this name is registered in the United States Patent Office. The success that followed was so marked that the capacity of the large factory has been taxed to its utmost in order to keep up with the demands. The satisfaction the Caterpillar is giving to users thereof is attested to by the fact that one company in California, using these tractors for three years, has reordered until now it is using fourteen in its agricultural work. Hundreds of Caterpillars are in use in this country and South America, where, in a recent contest open to competition by the whole world to determine the best tractor for farm purposes, the Caterpillar was awarded the first prize of \$3,000. The Caterpillar traction engine is economical in price, space, weight, operation, maintenance, and is a great saver of time and labor. The work of the Caterpillar is more thorough than that of horses, and the results of this work are apparent in increased production of all crops at a much lower price. The Caterpillar weighs 300 pounds to the horsepower, and its weight is so distributed over a large bearing surface that the actual pressure per pound is less than that of an ardiner, man valleing event the first price of a contraction of all crops at a much lower price. use main wheels seven feet six inches in dia-meter and six feet wide, with auxiliary wheels duction of all crops at a much lower price. The Caterpillar weighs 300 pounds to the horsepower, and its weight is so distributed over a large bearing surface that the actual pressure per pound is less than that of an ordinary man walking over the field. It is, therefore, able to work under all conditions of surface of the soil and whenever the land is in condition to be plowed or cultivated. Soft or wet ground makes no difference to the Caterpillar. It can eross a three-foot ditch and all dead furrows or depressions in the ground, soft or sandy places or wet places caused from leaking or overflowing irrigating ditches. It will climb a thirty per cent grade with a load and will work on sidehills and rolling ground. Therefore, the owner of a Caterpillar is able to do his work early in the spring when the ground is ready. He can also work after the fall rains come on, which with some other types of machine would be impossible. The Caterpillar traction engine is particularly adapted for the use of large orchard owners. It will plow the soil deeper and will plow it cheaper than by any other method in the first preparation for the orchard. After the trees are planted it will plow and eultivate the soft land and cover so much ground every day that it enables a large project to be handled economically and profitably. Mechanical details have all been carefully worked out by skilled and experienced engineers. The engine itself is made in the works of The Holt Manufacturing Company, after its own special design. It is especially made for the heavy duty of an agricultural traction engine. All moving parts of the Caterpillar are accessible and most of the engine can be reached by a man standing on the ground. The mechanical construction of the Caterpillar is such that all the power of the engine may be applied to one side and the other side run idle. In that way the Caterpillar is turned practically at right angles. While the Caterpillar is eighteen feet in length over all it can be turned in a circle twenty-five feet in d

Careful Planting of Apple Orchards in the State of Idaho

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AREFUL attention should be paid to the selection of a site for an apple orchard. For the home planting the site is very often predeermined and the trees must be placed on the area left after house and lawn have been provided. Where choice is permitted it is always important that the orchard should be somewhat elevated above the immediate surrounding country in order that free air drainage may be secured and late spring frosts thus avoided. Cold air is heavier than warm air; it therefore slides down the hillsides into the valleys. This condition which permits the cold air to settle away is said to provide air drainage, a factor of extreme importance to the apple orchardist. For this purpose gently sloping land is preferable to level land, though in irrigation sections it is more difficult to water. A fall of two or three feet to every hundred is very satisfactory, and will aid materially in keeping the plantation free from the ravages of late spring frosts. On the other hand, too steep slopes should be avoided for the reason that they cannot be tilled, irrigated and sprayed satisfactorily. A greater factor in facilitating air drainage is a draw or gully passing through or near the orchard. This element should be taken advantage of where conditions permit. An orchard should never be placed in low-lying basins or "pockets," for such positions are devoid of proper air drainage. Sloping land also tends to provide good water drainage, which is an essential consideration. Fruit trees are short lived, grow slowly, crookedly and often have a twisted trunk on land which is too wet.

Northern or eastern slopes are generally regarded as best for apple orchards owing to the fact that they are later in warming up in the spring than slopes in other directions. This condition results in retarding the blooming period of trees, which is often sufficient to avoid injury from frost in many seasons. In most sections of Idaho it may be desirable to select a slope away from the strong prevailing winds, as such winds do untold damage to both crops and trees; slopes to the north or east generally satisfy this condition. Moreover, the soil on the northern and eastern slopes is usually deeper and richer than that found on slopes to the south or west. The reason for this condition is due to the fact that fine, rich dirt, leaves, straw and various materials are gathered from the southern and western slopes by the prevailing westerly winds and are deposited upon slopes in the opposite directions. The continued depositing of this material has added much organic matter to this leeward soil which has resulted in producing not only rich, deep soil, but also one capable of retaining moisture. On the other hand, southern slopes are

earlier, and, therefore, permit a longer growing season. Besides, trees situated on such exposures receive large amounts of sunshine, which results in earlier maturing fruit with higher color and sometimes with better flavor. From these conditions it is obvious that in sections where the growing season is short and where the fruit is likely to be poorly colored, a southern exposure may be preferable to all others. In the higher altitudes these factors should be borne in mind as highly significant; any element that will prolong the season for late winter apples and induce them to take on their full degree of color should be favored. With the early winter varieties the northern and eastern slope usually permits the fruit to properly mature and to become well colored. However, owing to the fact that the soil on the south exposure is drier it naturally follows that the fruit produced will be smaller unless some means be devised to overcome this obstacle. With the proper application of manure and the intelligent use of cover crops on such soils this difficulty may be largely obviated. Subjected to such treatment, a southeastern cove may be regarded as the best site for the higher altitudes, at least in Northern Idaho. This kind of a site, properly chosen, may combine not only the warmth of the southern exposure but the deeper, richer and more moist soil of the northern slope may also be secured.

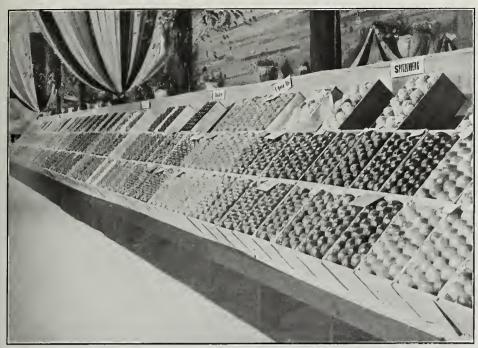
Large bodies of fresh water, either lakes or rivers, exercise an amcliorating influence upon the climate in their immediate vicinity, and orchard sites selected on slopes which extend toward the water are more immune from rad-

ical atmospheric changes. The slope on the side toward which the prevailing winds blow is preferable because the air in passing over the water becomes modified in temperature and its moisture content is increased. These latter conditions make such sites warmer in winter and cooler in summer; besides they strongly tend to prevent the occurence of late spring frosts. From this somewhat extended discussion of orchard sites the prospective apple grower should be able to choose the one in his locality that has the most to offer. By coupling this information with that secured from local growers no mistake should be made regarding the matter.

Soils from which native forests have been cleared are best adapted to growing the apple. These are in good physical condition, so that ample surface drainage and subdrainage are supplied; besides, they have a plentiful supply of plant food which is essential to a healthy wood growth and a finely developed, well matured crop of fruit. It has been repeatedly noted that fruit from such soils reaches the highest degrees of perfection both from point of quality and color. However, soils which may be brought to a state similar to that found on old forest sites may be regarded as being well adapted to the growth of the apple. Medium clay loams adapt themselves admirably to the apple, and if these possess, or are made to possess, the following requisites orchards may be planted upon them successfully. These important requisites are good water drainage, good texture and sufficient richness in plant food. As suggested in a preceding paragraph, a sloping site



Feature exhibit of the "Steamer Gold," decorated entirely of apples, and which took first prize. It was represented as floating in water. The paddles would revolve all the time and at intervals the bell would ring. The interior was all lighted with electric lights and the feature made a beautiful appearance. Gravenstein Apple Show, Sebastopol, California, August 21 to 26, 1911



View of an exhibit at the Summerland Fruit Exposition, Summerland, British Columbia, 1911

usually affords good water drainage, but this is not always the case. Where good natural drainage is not found tile drainage should be provided, because apple trees will not endure "wet feet." The phrase "good texture" means that a soil possessing this characteristic will work up loose and mellow without being hard and lumpy. Such soils are easily worked and hold plenty of moisture. Most of the good orchard sites in Idaho are sufficiently rich in plant food, so there is no direct need of applying plant food at the time of planting.

After the site and soil have been selected the subject of the preparation of the land for the reception of the trees should occupy the attention of the orchardist. The thorough preparation of the land should be regarded as a very important element in planting out an orchard. An apple orchard is very different in its requirements than are annual crops, yet how frequently does it occur that the land for it receives even less attention than does the land for corn or wheat. Many prospective orchardists propound as their first question, "How are we going to rid the land of sagebrush or stumps for setting our trees?" They think when this matter has received attention that trees may be set at once. While it is true that some lands may be turned over and planted immediately, yet most experienced growers and observers regard the practice as of doubtful value. The wiser plan is to anticipate planting two or three years in advance and devote this time to growing a rotation of crops which will bring the soil into the best state of cultivation. After the roots of the trees have taken possession of the soil deep plowing cannot be done, and as this is essential the soil should be plowed deeply before planting. For arid lands in sagebrush sections the need of organic matter in the soil is

apparent to the casual observer, and no crops act so beneficial in increasing this organic matter as alfalfa or clover. After clearing new lands alfalfa or clover may be sown, which should be allowed to remain one or two seasons, after which it is turned under. By virtue of their extensive root systems better crops than these are not known for breaking up soils underlaid with stiff clay. Where soils are sufficiently supplied with organic matter there is less need for the above practice. New ground, however rich, needs to be subdued before trees are set upon it. Such lands are apt to be full of inequalities, hence every effort should be made to discover and remedy the poor spots that need manuring and the wet spots that need drainage, so that when planted the trees may grow evenly and rapidly from the very start. The cereal crops, such as wheat and oats, serve admirably as indices for bringing out these inequalities. Immediately preceding the planting of the orchard a crop that requires thorough cultivation, such as potatoes, is highly beneficial in putting the finishing touches upon this preparatory cropping system.

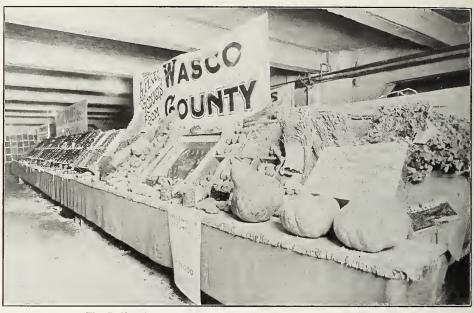
Sub-soil plowing should be resorted to in all cases where the lands are underlaid by a stiff stratum. This is accomplished by running a sub-soil plow in the furrow left by the ordinary breaking plow, loosening the soil to an additional depth of twelve to eighteen inches. Treating soils in this manner not only deepens them but promotes good drainage and increases their water holding capacity. It is not always essential that the whole area of the ground be sub-soiled before the trees are set. A strip of six or eight feet wide on which the trees are planted furnishes sufficient sub-soiling for the first year. This sub-soiled area may be increased by sub-soiling a strip three to four feet wide on each side of it annually until the whole space is covered. This practice stirs the ground deeply for the roots to penetrate in a way that could never be secured after the roots occupy the soil. Instead of using a sub-soil plow, where the hardpan is very pronounced, holes may be blasted to considerable depth by the explosion of dynamite, though it is questionable whether a soil of such tenacious character should be used for an orchard. The use of such crops as clover and alfalfa exercise a similar effect to that produced by sub-soiling The autumn months are regarded as the best time to prepare all lands that are to be planted to apple orchards. This exposes the land to the ameliorating effects of frosts, allowing such soil to catch and hold the rainfall of winter, and permits the sub-soil to become sufficiently settled to re-establish capillary action between it and the lower soil strata while still keeping the soil in loose condition for the deep penetration of the roots. If the autumn preparation is thoroughly done the stirring of the surface is all that will be needed in the spring.

Aside from the fact that under drainage is desirable in carrying off surplus water from the soil it has many other beneficent qualities, only one of which needs mentioning in this connection. Arid places under irrigation, unless possessing good natural drainage, are prone to become alkaline in the course of time. This condition is due to the fact that all fertile soils contain alkaline salts to a greater or less degree. These salts are readily dissolved by the water entering such soils. As most water must pass off eventually, cither through the plant or by evaporation, there is a marked accumulation of these salts in the surface layers of the soil, such material being dissolved in the lower strata and then left behind at the surface when the water is used by the plant or is evaporated. Under drainage is the great preventive as well as the sovereign remedy for alkali. Complete saturation of the soil with water once a year and provision for under drainage to carry away the surplus means that the excess of these salts will be washed out and removed entirely. Attention is directed to this point particularly because many of the orchardists have suffered great losses and their orchards have been ruined because they have failed to observe this factor. As stated before, natural drainage is the most desirable for orchards, but where it does not exist tile drainage should be resorted to. The orchardist should took after this matter carefully before the trees are planted. The distance between drains depends altogether upon the kind of soil. In soils that are loose and crumbly tiles may be laid thirty to sixty feet apart, while on heavy impervious soils less distances should be allowed. All tile drains should be placed below the frost line, and it is questionable whether it is advisable to place them at a depth less than three feet in an apple orchard. It should be remembered that tile drains among

fruit trees are liable to become choked with tree roots, in which event they must be dug up and cleaned out as often as a diminished flow of water is noted.

Where irrigation is practiced the method that is to be used in irrigating the orchard should be considered before the trees are planted. Of course, before the ground is plowed, preparatory to planting, it is essential that it be watered sufficiently to make the plowing easy, but the system thus used may not always correspond to the one to be used after the trees occupy the land. In Idaho undoubtedly the furrow system of irrigation, modified to suit the requirements of the orchard, is the best method. Mr. Elias Nelson, irrigationist for the station, gives the following directions for the installation of this system: "To install the furrow system the procedure is as follows: When the conformation of the land permits it, the head ditches are located 300 to 500 feet apart and at right angles to the furrows. When they must be made on contours they should have a grade of one and three-quarters to two and one-half inches to each one hundred feet and their distance apart be such that the furrows are 300 to 500 feet long. Check boxes are placed in the head ditches at such distances apart that the splash board will raise the water high enough to flow readily into all the furrows. The splash boards are so adjusted that the excess water in each section flows into the next below until the whole head of water is being distributed. Each head ditch below the highest one catches the water from the furrows above it and redistributes it. To divert the water from the head ditches small gates or lath tubes are placed in the ditch bank. Spouts one and one-half to two feet long made of lath will usually supply sufficient water for each furrow. However, when a larger stream than the lath spouts divert is needed tubes may be made of half-inch lumber of the proper width. The spouts are placed in the ditch banks just below the surface of the water. When the splash boards are in place the water will flow through the spouts, and when any section of the orchard has received sufficient water the boards are removed and the water then drops below the level of the spouts. În porous soil the furrows should be 300 to 400 feet long. In soil that does not absorb water readily they may be much longer, and a smaller stream of water should be run for a longer time. The automatic feature of the system and the even distribution of water which it insures makes it very advantageous. Flooding should never be practiced in orchards, nor should water ever be allowed to come in contact with the trunks of trees."

The beginning of most successful enterprises makes its first definite appearance on paper, and such a beginning is as essential to successful orcharding as to any other business. Everyone would pronounce a contractor to be foolish who should under-



The Dalles Business Men's Association exhibit, The Dalles, 1911

take the erection of a modern dwelling without a plan. Such an undertaking may involve only the expenditure of a few months' labor, while the building or growing of an apple orchard consumes many years. Obviously, then, it is extreme folly for an orchard planter to begin setting trees without preparing a plan of as great details as that required of the man who builds a house. A carefully prepared plan, drawn to scale on stiff drawing paper and inked in, constitutes an important element in orchard planting. In making a plan the planter should map out definitely the kinds of varieties, the number of each kind and the exact location for each tree for his orchard before a tree is purchased. This means that he will decide all of the details of selecting varieties, and the system and distances of planting in a sane, considerate manner.

The selection of varieties of apples is apparently one of the first problems that confronts the prospective fruit grower, whether he expects to grow apples for home use or to grow them for shipping to distant markets. In a new country this problem has even been a serious one, so it is not surprising that for Idaho it should be uppermost in the minds of the newer class of citizens. There are so many varieties and varying notions regarding the merits of each that this tends to make the question very perplexing. Moreover, there are so many fruit growing sections in the state that it is not always safe to conclude that because a variety does well in one section that it will do equally well in another. Furthermore, varieties that may be well adapted to home uses may be decidedly lacking as commercial sorts. Tender fruits are not adapted for shipping to distant markets because they bruise easily, consequently their keeping qualities are poor. Besides, color and size are essential in good market apples, while these elements are not of as great importance as quality for home use. Naturally, then,

the selection of kinds of apples depends upon the use to which the orchard is to be devoted, whether for producing apples for home use or for market purposes.

An inquiry in the markets will show that apples finding readiest sale at highest prices are fairly large and highly colored. No color seems to meet the customer's fancy quite so well as a clear bright red, although a few yellow sorts of known quality are also in demand. It does not necessarily follow that such apples are sold in greatest quantities, but is does mean that they should bring large returns to the grower. Where the freight rates are high, as they are on Western apples, this is an additional reason necessitating high market prices for this product. The people who have money for purchasing fine fruit are also endowed with a good understanding of the merits of the leading varieties, and are quite particular in their demands for certain kinds. As a general rule these people have been accustomed to apples all their lives, and this experience has developed an acquaintance not only with the merits of these varieties but also with the season of the year when each kind is at its prime. While they would not hesitate in paying a good round price for a box of Jonathans at Christmas time they would display considerable reluctance when offered the same box a month later even at a reduced price. The same is true of other varieties. The point is that in selecting varieties the orchardist must take a long look into the future and weigh well the bearing which the season of ripening and the present acreage now planted to a variety will have upon the returns of the orchard he is planting. The aim of Idaho orchardists should be to keep the market well supplied with the best varieties for all seasons, not to overstock the market at one season and at another furnish an insufficient supply.

At present the most popular varieties of apples produced in Idaho and sell-



Exhibit made by Fred Parr and Albert Oleson, under the auspices of the Milton and Freewater Commercial Club, and the Milton Fruit Growers' Union, at the Walla Walla County Fair, held September 18 to 23, 1911

ing on the Eastern and European markets are the Jonathan, Rome Beauty, Winesap and Grimes. In the warm valleys under irrigation in Southern Idaho, and at the lower elevations in other parts of the state, these varieties attain the highest degree of perfection. With the exception of the Winesap, which requires a long season to mature. all are adapted to the "Panhandle" section of Northern Idaho. It is thought by some that the Wagener and the McIntosh Red are better adapted to Northern Idaho than the Rome Beauty. They are undoubtedly popular sorts, and should be planted where seasons are short and where early maturing varieties are desired. The proportion of each variety to be planted deserves careful attention. In the warm valleys it is perhaps best to devote only onethird of the orchard to early winter sorts, such as the Jonathan and Grimes, with the other two-thirds equally divided between the Rome Beauty and Winesaps, which are late winter varieties. In sections where the growing season is short, by virtue of which the early winter varieties really become late winter sorts, and the fall varieties, such as the McIntosh Red and Wagener, come into season in early winter, the same ratio should be maintained. It will be noted that only a few varieties have been mentioned, and this has been done advisedly. most common mistake made by commercial orchardists is in planting too many varieties. Instead of confining their attention to the best of a list of varieties adapted to a locality they plant of each kind; when harvest time comes they have more expense and trouble than is necessary to handle the same quantity of a few selected varieties.

The choice of apples for home use and local market offers an opportunity for personal preference to a large degree. Most any of the varieties that have proven themselves well adapted to home use and home markets in other sections of the United States can usually be grown successfully in Idaho. If one has developed a particular fondness for special sorts those are the ones

he should plant, not only because their quality suits but also because they are more likely to get better attention. Select the varieties that suit best. However, for the sake of those who are unacquainted with many varieties the following list has been prepared, classing them according to season of ripening: For early summer, Early Yellow Transparent, Red Harvest. June, Red Astrachan; for mid-summer, Olderburg, Benoni, Sweet Bough, Chenango; for fall, Wealthy, Maiden Blush, Jefferis, Gravenstein, Mother, Fall Pippin, McIntosh, Tompkins King; for early winter, Jonathan, Grimes, Yellow Bellflower, Delicious, and for late winter, Spitzenberg, Stayman Winesap, Aiken, Winter Banana, Rhode Island Greening, York Imperial, Roxbury Russet, Ben Davis.

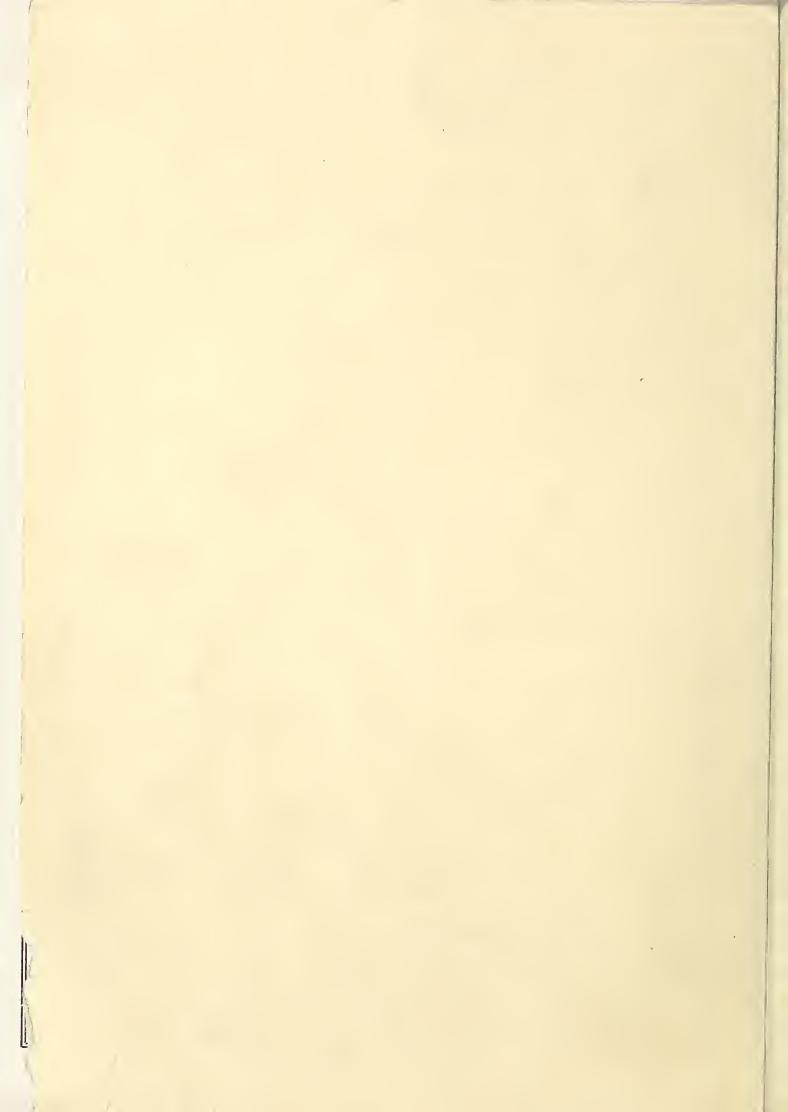
There are several systems of planting or laying out orchards, the chief of which are known as the squares, hexagons or sextuple, quincunx and contour. Squares: Orchards laid out with rows equal distances apart and running at right angles to each other give a system of squares with a tree at every corner. This system constitutes the simplest method of arrangement and is very satisfactory from the viewpoint of convenience of cultivation and general appearance. Practically all the orchards in the state are laid out according to this plan. Hexagons: This system gets its name from the fact that six trees are planted around a seventh in such a manner that a line drawn through these encircling trees make a hexagon. Each tree is equidistant from all of its neighbors, thereby utilizing the ground to a better advantage than where squares are used. Aside from this point it is claimed that irrigation is facilitated. About fifteen per cent more trees can be planted per acre by this method than by the square system. It is probably a better system than squares where land values are high or are likely to become high. Quincunx: The quincunx method of laying out an orchard consists of arranging trees the same as in squares, with a tree in the middle of every square. This

middle tree is usually temporary and is known as a "filler." which should only be allowed to remain until the space is needed by the permanent trees. The fact that fillers can be used most advantageously by this method is the only reason why it has maintained its recognition among horticulturists. It is decidedly inconvenient when it comes to cutivating and irrigating, and for this reason has little application to the orchards of Idaho. Contour: The contour system of planting consists of laying out an orchard on sloping ground or on hills in such a manner that the trees of a single row are practically on the same level. Where irrigation is practiced it is customary to allow a grade of one and three-quarters to two and one-half inches for every one hundred feet of flow. Such a scheme facilitates cultivation and irrigation, and is very useful one some of the best orchard sites.

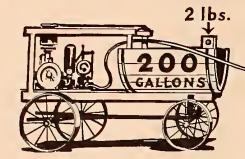
In this state it is not wise to plant standard apple trees closer than thirtythree feet each way, and it is very probable that a distance approximating forty feet will in time prove as well adapted to our needs as has been the case in eastern orchards. Experience has demonstrated that it is poor judgment and lack of foresight that leads men to set apple trees close together. Not many crops of apples are taken from an orchard before the tops of the trees have a diameter of twenty feet. For instance, orchards have been observed where the side branches of Jonathan trees seven years old were touching their neighbors, indicating thereby that the battle for space had already begun. Inasmuch as the root system of apple trees are more extensive than the tops it necessarily follows that where limbs are touching sharp competition already exists between the roots of the various trees. Where an orchard of this description has been grown the only safe system for the orchardist to follow is to remove every other tree. Experience and observation have shown that it is far easier to say that these extra trees or "fillers" shall be removed than it is to take them out when they are apparently in their prime and seem to offer such a source for increasing the returns of the plantation. Delay in their removal, however, always proves injurious to the permanent trees. Owing to this fact that the average orchardist has not the will power to remove "fillers' when they should be removed, it is far safer to dispense with their use entirely and to place all trees in their permanent positions. Since the root system of dwarf trees is smaller they can be planted much closer than standards. It is cutsomary to plant dwarfs on Doucin stocks twenty feet apart each way and those on Paradise stock ten feet apart.

Aside from the consideration of systems of planting, varieties to be planted and the distance of planting, a carefully planned orchard should involve

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The report of James Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, has just reached our desk, with a synopsis of brief comments. The heading of each article is the comment above referred to. To the more important of these pertaining to the fruit business we have added a few further comments from the grower's point of view, and we hope and believe that in so doing we are expressing the general sentiment of the fruit growers, particularly in the Northwest.

"Would it be asking too much of our universities to have them educate more plant pathologists and road engineers?" The agricultural colleges in the Northwestern states and California have given the department of horticulture special attention during the last few years and today are recognized as among the leading institutions in this class of work. They are turning out increased numbers of plant pathologists each year and as yet have not been able to supply the demand. The reason is clear. Orcharding in the Northwest is rapidly developing along scientific lines and there is no class of farmer that realizes more fully the importance of expert plant pathologists, entomologists and horticulturists than the fruit growers. This is evidenced by the fact that districts are employing such men to study general conditions, carry on investigations and locate the causes of

trouble as they come along and provide remedies. Large orchardists are seeking the services of expert horticulturists and at the present time the Northwestern institutions are unable to supply the demand, all of which is evidence of the value of Secretary Wilson's comment and proof that the fruit industry of the Northwest is being done on a scientific basis and that growers are endeavoring to improve every feature of fruit growing.

"Every country in the world that has diseased plants that cannot be sold at home can ship them to us. This results in great loss. The chestnut disease here is an illustration." It has long been a well known fact among fruit growers that nearly all diseases that are causing us the greatest trouble are diseases that are imported to this country. codling moth, the San Jose scale, the Gypsy moth and the brown tail moth are striking examples, and these, without mentioning others too numerous to speak of, is evidence that closer inspection should be given to all the nursery and plant stock that is imported into this country. The Mediterranean fly is one of the most serious pests known, and during the last year more or less alarm has been occasioned by the possible introducing of this pest from the Sandwich Islands. It is already felt that we have all the pests and diseases we want, and a great many more, consequently we believe that every fruit grower would back up in every way possible any efforts on the part of the government to bring about a better and more thorough inspection of all imported nursery stock.

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"The day is not very far distant when we will cease to import potash." ash is one of the most successful fertilizers in use, and for years Germany has controlled this industry. As we understand it, more or less trouble has arisen during recent years in reference to conditions prevailing in the potash industry; therefore it must be very gratifying to the fruit grower to know that the United States has potash fields sufficient to supply all the fertilizer in the form of potash that this country will need for years, perhaps centuries to come, and at a much lower price than we have been paying for potash

obtained abroad. Not only this, but the industry can be built up at home and will help to contribute to the wealth and welfare of the United States. The phosphate beds are abundant for all possible uses, and among the principal states mentioned in which deposits exist are Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky and Idaho.

"If good roads from the producer to the consumer were general the benefits to both would be considerable." Now, there is no industry that calls for better roads than the fruit industry. This is evident to every fruit grower, and probably is more or less evident to every consumer. Whenever a consumer receives bruised fruit he knows it has been roughly handled along the line. Frequently this bruising takes place when the grower hauls it over the rough road from his farm to the depot. Fruit sections in the Northwest seem to have realized this, and consequently every effort is being made not only to improve the roads but in many districts to build roads that will be permanent. Perhaps the largest good road movement on foot is in Southern Oregon, where they have laid out greater mileage than in any other section, the counties being bonded to pay for the work. In Hood River macadamized roads are being laid out in the form of a belt line around the valley, with side features to follow, and this road is being constructed to be permanent at a cost of about \$5,000 per mile. Better roads mean that fruit growers' products will be delivered to the consumer in better condition, which will command better prices, and better prices mean the upbuilding of the fruit growing districts. The more money and better profit the fruit grower makes the more money he has to spend on improving conditions. This means better schools, and better schools mean a better community and better class of citizens. In fact good roads in a community leads to better development of the community and the general business of the community in every way.

"The experiment stations of the several states are doing better work each succeeding year, the scientists are maturing and the people are appreciating." Perhaps no truer statement was ever made by our honorable Secretary of Agriculture. From personal knowledge of the work being done in horticultural experiment stations throughout the Northwest we realize all of this to be true.

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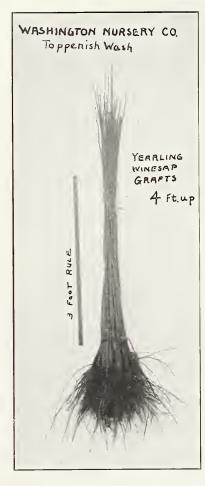
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Orchard Thoughts

By W. S. Thornber, Horticulturist, Washington State College, Pullman

You can keep up the soil fertility and consequently the general activity of the orchard by the regular use of cover crops, but where an orchard has been permitted to run down and has not received proper cultivation for a period of ten or twelve years, we would give it a rather medium application of potash during the month of March, and a small application of lime almost at the same time; then, early in the spring, a light application of nitrate of soda. Would use from 300 to 400 pounds of lime per acre, 100 to 200 pounds of muriate of potash, and from 75 to 100 pounds of nitrate of soda. The trees need potash at once, the lime is to make other plant food available, and the nitrogen to produce growth. You can get dried blood or bone meal in place of nitrate of soda, and in the case of dried blood we would increase the application a little. We are of the opinion that it would pay to do this if the trees have been in a rather dormant and poor condition. In connection with the same work, prune heavily in order to get plenty of wood growth.

While we have never conducted any definite experiments at an altitude of 3,600 to 4,000 feet, I am satisfied from what I know of certain varieties of apples that we can make recommendations that will be practically safe for this work. Of course you will have to insure immunity from late spring frosts and summer freezes. We would recom-mend Rome Beauty, Wagener and York Imperial, in the order of their importance, for a section of this kind. We are of the opinion that others would grow there, but the ones mentioned are the most practical for that type.

If you are expecting to sow asparagus seed on light, sandy soil, it would be well to apply well rotted manure first and work it into the soil. This will give you the best form of fertilizer you can possibly use. I would not soak the seed in a liquid manure at all; there is too much danger. If you soak it at all soak it in clean water, changing every six to twelve hours for a period of

twenty-four hours. If you expect to leave the plants permanently in the rows we would advise you not to do this, but sow the seed thickly about one inch apart in rows, and the rows eighteen inches to two feet apart, and grow as a sort of seed bed; then transplant to a permanent plantation later. I believe the palmetto variety is as good a one as you can get for localities similar to Kennewick, Washington. It is rather difficult to approximate even an average growth for asparagus, much depending on the soil and location. In the Walla Walla country we know of returns having been received ranging from \$150 to \$1,000 per acre.

We have been asked if the soil in the region of Wapato, Washington, is all right for growing cantaloupes. We believe that if the soil is thoroughly subdued, cantaloupes can be produced on it. We find some difficulty in getting a stand the first year or two on raw sagebrush land, and it may be well to work in a little well rotted manure near the hills of these plants in order to get them started as they should be. We have had some difficulty with cantaloupe blight in the valley, but that can be remedied to some extent by spraying the plants with bordeaux mixture soon after they come up. I would not plant the vines closer than five feet, and in this way give them plenty of room between the hills, and probably six to eight feet between the rows.

On a number of occasions I have been asked, "What would be best to plant with the Winesap?" The Wagener is a good one to plant with the Winesap. We would also like the Ortley and Winter Bellflower. The Rome Beauty is not quite so good, though if you have Rome Beauties planted already, we would not advise you to change them. The great difficulty with the Rome

Beauty is that it blossoms late. If I were in Western Washington, in general, I would seek something that would do well there-the Ortley, or the Glowing Coal, for instance. These will make good combinations.

In transplanting evergreens in a cemetery we would transplant them just as the buds begin to burst in the spring. Usually this is from the 15th to the 20th of April. In transplanting never permit the roots to become dried. Tamp the soil very firmly around the roots. I am very partial to the Colorado blue spruce, and if you want a green type that is very pretty, or a silvery type, mountain ash can be transplanted as soon as the weather permits in the spring—the earlier the better.

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the arrangement of varieties. Shall all Jonathans be planted in a solid block or shall they be intermixed with other varieties? Owing to the fact that the flowers of some varieties are selfsterile it is generally considered better to intermix them than to plant single varieties in solid blocks. Though many varieties are able to fertilize themselves, frequently the size of the fruit is much increased if pollen from other varieties serves this mission. For these reasons it is advisable to plant only a few rows of a single variety together, followed by a few rows of another variety. Arrangement of rows in pairs facilitates labor in harvesting season besides affording the best opportunity for cross-pollenation. That is, with an orchard of Jonathan. Grimes, Rome Beauty and Winesap, two rows of each variety could be planted in their respective order.

How to secure the best nursery stock for planting is often a very perplexing question. There are several possible avenues of procedure, and it is well that each of these be considered in order to determine which has the greatest number of merits for any particular case. The propagation of fruit trees is a business of itself, yet prospective orchardists often reason that they are justified in venturing into this business for the sake of providing themselves with trees true to name. This condition arises from the fact that countless numbers of orchardists have been swindled by tree agents, and a few have been exceedingly disappointed by careless or dishonest nurserymen. Many men have nursed and cared for trees from infancy to bearing age, and the greatest fruit that they received for their labors was disappointment. This experience has been so prevalent that many have been led to believe that it is impossible to get varieties true to name from nurserymen. Without question the prospective planter should be certain that he is going to get trees true to name even at an increased cost of propagation. There are enough honest nurserymen in the country to satisfy this requirement, and these same nurserymen are able to grow the trees cheaper than an inexperienced person could possibly do. Then, from the standpoint of economy, with the sole purpose of getting trees true to name it would seem best that the fruit grower let the nurseryman grow the trees. The selection of the nurseryman is a vital consideration.

During recent years the subject of "pedigree nursery stock" (young nursery trees whose parentage is known) has come to occupy an important place in the minds of the older fruit growers of our country. The method by which such trees are secured is by propagating them from the buds taken from mature trees of known vigor and productiveness—trees that have records of merit behind them. Acquaintance with apple trees and the fruit they produce has demon-

strated that, taking the Jonathan variety for example, there are certain individual trees that produce apples of superior size, finer flavor, richer color, better quality and in larger quantities than other trees of the same variety in the same locality. It is known that certain trees are habitually inclined to bear full crops annually, and that they are resistant to certain insect and fungous pests. Since buds taken from these trees and used in propagating other trees will produce individuals of equal merit, it seems logical to conclude that such a method should be used in order to secure the best nursery stock. Nurserymen generally have not accepted this idea of "pedigree trees," but still hold to the practice of using buds from young nursery trees which have never borne an apple or that have never shown any individual merit except that of growing thriftily. While it is true that several generations may intervene between the original bearing parent without seriously interfering with the fruit bearing habit of the trees propagated, yet the pedigree method is always preferable. Some nurserymen who claim to have pedigree stock really have nothing more than ordinary stock, and this has brought the method into disfavor even with the best nurserymen. Most of these men have not had ample proof that propagating directly from bearing trees produces trees of superior merit when compared with those which are propagated from the nursery trees. However, painstaking planters, especially those of experience, are going to demand trees of selected stock and are willing to undergo considerable expense to get them. Since most nurserymen at present do not have this "pedigree stock" for sale the question naturally arises as to methods of securing such trees. Of course, the prospective planter may propagate his own trees, selecting stock of merit and caring for it as the nurseryman would. This is a very costly undertaking for unskilled hands, so it is well to devise some means whereby the efforts of orchardists and the skill of nurserymen may be combined. Where there are local nurserymen planters may select buds or scions from trees possessing desirable characters, take them to the nurserymen and have trees propagated. The danger of honest nurserymen getting labels confused is little more than if orchardists did the work themselves; besides, the trees have the benefit of being under the management of skilled hands. Trees of this sort will cost a trifle more, but fruit growers can find no better investment. By this method a fruit grower may insure the permanent success of his business.

While emphasis has been laid upon the selection of the bud or scion from which the bearing surface of the tree is to be grown, due attention should also be directed to securing the best kind of a seedling on which to grow the top. The root, or stock, upon

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attacks of the woolly aphis. This is a species of plant louse that infests the roots, trunks and tops of many varieties of the apple. On the roots of nursery stock it is especially disastrous and frequently extends its damaging influence far into the life of the tree before it can be subdued or before the tree is finally killed. This louse is one of the most difficult insects to control in the orchard, consequently it is important that the orchardist should avoid future trouble by selecting stocks grown from Northern Spy seeds. It is thought that seedlings of the Red Astrachan or Yellow Transparent, when used as stocks, produce fruit of earlier maturity than late stocks, which is a distinct advantage with late sorts grown in short season sections.

The culture of dwarf trees commercially has not been undertaken to any large extent in the United States. However, people who have desired a few very choice apples of high quality from small city or suburban lots have grown them for many years with very satisfactory results. Unless there is a good local market for fruit dwarfs should not be planted for commercial purposes, but for the man with the small lot they have many advantages over standard or ordinary kinds. The novelty of having something different from the ordinary appeals to many, and this particular dwarfs are very resourceful. It is claimed that they can be sprayed with greater care and thoroughness, and that pruning and harvesting may be more economically done. They have a distinct advantage for raising home market apples which require picking several times, over the standards. Owing to their small stature they lend themselves admirably to protection from late frosts. There are two types of dwarf apple trees those grown on Paradise stock and those grown on Doucin. The former type is strictly a dwarf, as it only attains a height of eight or nine feet owing to its small root system. It is well suited to small gardens and to places where there is a limited area. In our climate they will bear a scattering number of apples one year after planting, and in two years should produce a goodly number of apples. The type of dwarf grown upon the Doucin stock is in reality only a half dwarf, as it attains a height of sixteen or eighteen feet. This tree may be valuable for commercial purposes, for it has sufficient capacity to produce a liberal quantity of fruit. At the present time the Idaho Experiment Station is testing these two types of dwarfs with a view of ascertaining more clearly their adaptability to Idaho conditions. Those desiring detailed information regarding the culture of dwarf trees are referred to Waugh's "Dwarf Fruit Trees," published by the Orange Judd Co., Chicago, Illinois.

The average planter is apt to be at a loss to know whether he is to plant trees grafted on whole roots or on piece roots. Certain nurserymen argue in favor of one process while an equal number favor the other method. Inasmuch as both methods are championed it would seem to indicate that under proper conditions each is good. In fact unprejudiced experimenters have come to the conclusion that grafts made on whole roots are of no greater value to the planter than grafts made on pieces of roots which are above two and one-half inches in length. Within recent years budded trees are coming more into favor both with nurserymen and with orchardists. By this method of propagating the roots of the seedling are not disturbed and no portion is lost by digging, as in the case with roots used for grafting. As a result of this more extensive and stronger root system budded trees usually make a stronger growth than

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the grafted trees during the first year while the trees remain in the nursery. Where yearling trees are wanted by planters, nurserymen usually find that budded trees furnish more satisfactory stock because of their stronger growth and finer appearance. It is a question, however, whether or not this advantage continues after the trees pass from the nursery to the orchard. In the process of digging nursery stock much of the root system is cut away, and this may result in the grafted trees coming to the orchardist with as extensive roots as those found on the budded stock.

Without a doubt yearling trees furnish the most desirable stock for Idaho orchards. This is due not to the claim that is very often made for them of being able to catch and even overreach the growth of older stock, but to the fact that a yearling tree has all the buds intact and permits the orchardist starting the head or scaffold limbs near the ground. Trees that are allowed to remain in the nursery rows until two years old or older are usually headed much higher by nurserymen than experience has demonstrated to be desirable. While long trunked trees may do well in the Eastern United States they are almost sure to succumb to the devastating influence of sunscald in the West. This trouble is due to exposure of the unprotected trunk to the hot rays of the afternoon sun. Where the limbs start near the ground the trunk will be shaded and the difficulty obviated. Low headed trees have other special advantages over high headed trees, chief among which may be mentioned the ease of spraying and pruning, the economy of harvesting, the decreased danger from strong winds and the almost unbelievable point of greater facility in cultivating. In order to get trees of this type it is imperative that yearling trees be selected.

Whatever the method of securing nursery trees used, it is always better to deal with the nearest reliable nurseryman. Stock from nearby nurseries is generally regarded as better adapted to local conditions than trees from a distance, though the importance of this point is often overestimated. There are orchards in Idaho that are

remarkably productive and vigorous, the nursery stock for which has been brought hundreds of miles. It will be found that trees grown under similar conditions of soil and climate will give satisfactory results. When trees can-not be secured from nurserymen having similar conditions of soil and climate it is decidedly better to go north than to go south in procuring them. Northern grown stock is usually hardier, and consequently adapts itself to new environment better than southern grown trees. Freight is saved and the roots of the trees are not out of the ground so long, therefore less likely to dry out, when the planter patronizes nearby nurseries. The prospective orchardist has a chance of

inspecting and selecting his own trees without the risk of getting undesirable service from a distance, and local nurserymen are more desirous of pleasing their home trade because upon this point their future success depends.

The best trees are none too good, and it is decidedly poor reasoning that leads one to put second or third class trees in the orchard. A few cents extra in the initial cost of good trees is a meaningless trifle compared with the cost of caring for them until bearing age is reached. One should never try to practice economy by buying cheap trees. A first class tree should be a well grown medium sized specimen possessing the characteristic hab-

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the area to be planted so that the trees will be convenient at planting time. This practice of "heeling in" consists of plowing a deep furrow in which the roots are buried. Where the trees have an exceptional spread of roots it is necessary to increase the depth of the furrow by digging in order that all the roots may be placed below the level of the surface. The trees should be arranged singly, side by side, with the tops laid down almost horizontal and all tops laid in the same direction (preferably pointing to the north). After a single row of trees has been distributed along the furrow, loose moist soil must be thrown over the roots, so that every root is brought in close contact with the soil, excluding the free passage of the air. The topmost roots should be buried to a depth of four to six inches. Where large numbers of trees are needed rows are arranged so that the tops of each succeeding row overlap the "heeled in" roots of the preceding. Before trees are "heeled in" in the fall it is usually advisable to cut away all broken and bruised roots, and to thin out other roots that crowd and interlace. Trees treated in this manner will have callouses formed over all cut surfaces by spring and will be in excellent condition for planting. Where mice or other vermin are not present it is safer to mulch the tops of the trees during winter rather than leave them exposed. If the roots have become dry in transit they should be thoroughly soaked with

water before they are "heeled in." tub of water may be used for this purpose, and while one bundle is being "heeled in" another is allowed to soak in the tub. Care should be exercised to remove all packing material from the roots, for such material permits too much air. Each variety should be placed by itself, properly labeled, and a record kept in a book of the position that each occupies. While this "heeling in" practice has been described as a method for keeping fall delivered stock it should be said that it applies with equal importance to spring deliveries. Where the ground is not in perfect readiness for the planting of the trees upon their arrival they should be unpacked at once and "heeled in." In fact the instances are rare in which "heeling in" should not be regarded as the only rule to follow. Whatever system of planting may be

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adopted, the laying out or staking of the orchard involves considerable labor. It is well that the simpler and more satisfactory methods of practice be understood. In the beginning of this undertaking it should always be remembered that plenty of room should be left between the trees and the boundary fence so that work may be facilitated. Very often trees are crowded so near the fence that cultivation on all sides is impossible, and spraying has to be done under trying and unsatisfactory conditions. Because of these conditions no tree should be planted nearer than twentyfive feet of the boundary line of the orchard area. Where the ground is comparatively level and the area small, one of the simplest methods of laying out an orchard in squares is to set stakes along the boundary lines at opposite sides of the area to be planted and then use a marked wire for locating the position of each tree. Beginning on the side boundary of the tract, the first stake is set twenty-five fect from the end. Following this stake, other stakes are set successively at the distances the trees are to occupy, these stakes to he in line along the side houndary and extending the entire length of the field. The opposite side of the area is staked in like manner, heginning at the same end and staking in the same direction. After this a telephone wire which is long enough to reach across the field is secured. In one end of the wire a loop large enough to slip over the stakes is made. Twenty-five feet from this loop the wire is wrapped tightly with fine stove wire, over which a bit of bright red flannel is tied. Then, at distances the trees are to stand in the rows, other markings are likewise made along the telephone wire. By stretching the

wire between opposite pairs of stakes the spot where each tree is to stand may be located. Holes may be dug and trees set at once, or stakes may be driven at the various marks. Another system of marking off squares is to use a common turning plow. First of all stakes are placed around the field along the boundary lines similar to that described for the wire method, except that the ends of the field are staked as well as the sides. The first stake in each line, on its respective side, is placed twenty-five feet from the true corner of the field. Furrows are made lengthwise and crosswise in line with opposite stakes, the position of the tree being located at the intersection of these furrows. With a good, steady team and a firm hand to hold the reins, rows may be made comparatively straight. However, it is necessary to align the trees by sighting in order to get straight rows. The greatest indorsement that this method has is that it greatly facilitates the digging of holes. Still another method used is to locate stakes around the field as in the preceding case and then establish a row of stakes through the middle of the field each way in line with all side and end stakes, respectively, but in such a manner that none of these stakes come where trees are to he set. After this one man may stake out the orchard by himself, for he always has two pairs of stakes running at right angles with each other with which to align himself for each row of trees in the orchard. Places for digging the holes for the trees may be readily located, and the latter practice of using this system is very simple, as no small stakes for individual trees are needed.

Since an orchard laid out in hexagons has all of its trees equidistant the first essential device for this work is a triangle, the length of each side of which is the desired distance hetween two rows of trees. Usually this triangle is constructed by the use of three pieces of flexible wire joined together at the three corners by rings one and one-half or two inches in diameter. Measured from the middle of each ring, each side should correspond exactly with the distance between the trees. A triangle constructed in this manner works very well on comparatively level ground, but for sloping ground it is usually best to make the triangle of wood. Three well seasoned one-by-two-inch pine strips, each two inches shorter than the distance the trees are to be planted, are nailed firmly and braced together, forming an equilateral triangle. Care should be taken to have the sides of the face of this triangle on the same plane. At each corner of the triangle a pine board six by six inches is nailed, an inch hole is bored in each board in such a manner that, measured from the center of the holes, each side corresponds exactly with the distances the trees are to be planted. In using the triangle it is necessary to stake out one row by line at one side of the field, after which the triangle serves to locate all other stakes. Three men must carry the triangle, one at each ring. By placing two of the rings separately over two established stakes a third stake is established. This process is repeated until the entire field has been staked. Where it is desired to use hexagons on sloping or hilly ground a plumb line and carpenter's level must be used in connection with the wooden triangle. Each time that the triangle is moved it is leveled and the plumb line hung at the corner where the ground is lowest. By this method the third stake may be exactly located in reference to the other stakes.

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on the wire, except that the first one is skipped. In order to lay out an orchard on sloping land according to contour system it is well to employ a surveyor; especially is this necessary where irrigation is practiced. In this manner each tree may be located according to a definite grade and the future management of the orchard greatly facilitated.

After an orchard has been staked it is important that some device be used that will serve to locate the trunk of the tree in the same place occupied by the stake. For this purpose one of two devices is used by orchard planters. The first and most common consists of a board one inch thick, six inches wide and six feet long. An inch hole is bored in the center of the board and one at each end at equal distances from the center. To complete the construction it is only necessary to mark out a strip an inch wide on one side of the board that will include the hole in the middle and then saw out this piece. Stakes twelve to fourteen inches long are provided, which will easily slip through the end holes. In using this device the groove in the center of the board is placed tightly against the stake standing where the tree is to go, a stake is pushed into the ground through each of the holes at the end, then the bar is removed. After the hole has been dug it is only necessary to replace the board over the end stakes and bring the trunk of the tree to occupy the same position as that

occupied by the stake. After the hole is practically filled the bar is again brought into service and the tree placed in its exact position. The second common device employed for locating trees is a triangle made by nailing firmly together three strips each one-half inch thick, two inches wide and six feet long, allowing a projection of three inches of the strips at the corners of the triangle thus formed. In use, one projecting corner of the triangle is placed firmly against the stake standing where the tree is to go and a stake driven in each of the other two corners, the triangle is removed, the hole dug and the tree brought into exact position similarly to that given for the bar. Where large areas are to be planted it is often wise to have two or four of these tree locating devices all constructed according to

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the same specifications. Two men proceed to locate the temporary stakes and to dig the holes while two others follow, with the same kind of locating device, setting the trees. Aside from the fact that the tree locators are serviceable in putting the trees in their exact positions, they also give the planter a good idea of the depth at which the trees are being set. Without their use trees may easily be placed in the holes and the earth filled in about them before it is discovered that the planting has been too shallow.

Much difference of opinion exists between the best authorities as to the season for planting apple trees. Late fall planting is advocated by some, while others are equally certain that early spring planting is better. chief reasons advanced by the former are that roots of trees set in the fall become thoroughly established in the soil and that all cut surfaces on the roots become calloused during the winter, which results in new roots pushing out early in the spring. On the other hand, dry falls and dry winters will prove fatal to many fall set trees, and the stand will therefore be imperfect. Since Idaho very often experiences these latter conditions, early spring planting may be regarded as the safer rule. If trees are "heeled in" in the fall roots will be thoroughly calloused by early spring, thus affording such trees one of the main benefits derived from fall planting. Undoubtedly spring planting should be the rule for Idaho orchardists. The treatment of apple trees at planting time has a very great influence upon their future welfare. Many orchard planters set trees in their permanent position without applying the least amount of rational treatment to them. For example, trees are planted in the orchard in the same condition as they are received from the nursery. At the close of the first season the owner is much troubled to learn the reason for the poor growth, and in many instances the utter failure of his trees.

The amount of root surface that trees have when they leave the nursery row is usually about half as great as they possessed normally. Further than this, it is always advisable to thin out all crowding and interlacing roots, and to cut away all broken ends of those remaining. In the South a very severe system of root pruning is practiced, known as the Stringfellow system, but this system is not practicable in the North. Nevertheless apple trees require a certain amount of root pruning before they are planted in order to get the best results. The opportune time to do this pruning is in the fall, but where the trees do not arrive until spring root pruning should be administered before the trees are planted. Since the tops and roots of trees are mutually dependent there is a nice balance between these parts as they exist normally, consequently it appears reasonable to believe that where a portion of the roots has been removed a similar amount of the top should also

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be pruned away. In fact even a greater amount of the top should be In fact even a removed than that removed from the roots, since the latter must become adjusted to their new quarters before their activities begin, while the former experience no radical difference in this respect. With yearling trees the necessary pruning for establishing low headed trees will reduce the top sufficiently. It is best to postpone the pruning of the tops until the trees have been set, at which time they are cut down within eighteen or twenty inches of the ground.

The trees should be conveniently located for the planters before planting operations begin. Some orchardists practice distributing and "heeling in" the trees in bunches near the place where they are needed. Other men puddle the trees in a tub which is placed on a low sled or stoneboat and drawn by a horse from place to place as the trees are needed. The puddle is made of loamy soil mixed with water to a slushy consistency. Heavy clay soils must not be used for making puddles. The use of this latter practice constitutes one of the safest and most satisfactory methods of handling trees in the field, for the roots are not exposed to the air at all.

Holes for apple trees must be large enough to accommodate all the roots and deep enough to allow the tree to set three or four inches deeper than it stood in the nursery. It is believed that the best results are secured by setting dwarf trees so that the union between the bud and the stock is four

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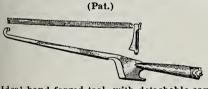
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or five inches below the surface. The common error committed by most tree planters is to plant too shallow. Deep planting tends to develop a deeper rooting system; besides, it affords a better anchorage for the young tree. The size of a hole in hard soil should be greater than a hole dug in loose soil in order to aid the roots to get a good start. Though it is best to select a soil that is not underlaid with a hard, impervious subsoil, still many men find that the only land they have for the orchard possesses this undesirable feature. Holes for trees on such soils should be especially large. In some instances it is advisable to use giant powder to break

up this hard soil. Mr. B. F. Hurst of Boise recommends that a hole be dug to a depth of two feet, and in the center of this hole another hole is bored to an additional depth of five feet. Giant powder is then exploded in the bottom of the bored hole. The exact use of the powder is described by Mr. Hurst as follows: "Use two sticks of giant powder for each hole. Drop one stick down in the hole. Loosen, at one end, the paper around the other stick of dynamite. At this end insert a sharp peg the size of the cap to be used. Attach the fuse to the cap and place the cap in the end of the powder. If there is water in the hole, cover the cap with wagon grease, then draw the paper and tie it around the string. Place this stick in the hole where the first stick was dropped, leaving the fuse about six feet long. The hole may be filled with water or fine earth, but must not be tamped. Touch the match to the fuse. It is probably superfluous to say that the operator should immediately remove to a considerable distance from the hole." When using dynamite great care must be observed, for it is extremely dangerous in the hands of the inexperienced. It is very essential that the stick to which the cap has been applied be lowered gently into the hole or a premature explosion may result. The safer practice in using this explosive is to employ experienced help. In removing the dirt from the hole that taken from the topmost six inches should be placed on one side, while that taken from the lower depths should be placed in a separate pile. The reason for this is that the surface soil is richer, containing more available plant food than the sub-soil, and is therefore better adapted for placing in immediate contact with the roots. The bottom of the hole should be thoroughly loosened by several thrusts of the spade, after which some of the surface soil is thrown in before the tree is placed in

exact position by means of a tree locator or by sighting the roots are spread out evenly in all directions and then the hole is filled. The first dirt put into the hole should be the rich soil from the surface. This should be worked tightly under and between the roots by using the fingers. Moving the tree up and down slightly will aid in getting the soil under the roots. The hole is then filled half full of surface soil and tramped down firmly, after which the hole is filled to the top with the other soil and again tramped. A few shovelfuls of loose dirt or a few forkfuls of manure thrown about the tree to prevent the loss of moisture completes the operation. The question is very often asked regarding the advisability of placing manure in the bottom of the hole. A forkful of fine, well rotted manure placed in the bottom of the hole may often prove beneficial, but coarse manure should never be used in this manner because it will heat and scald the roots. Spreading

After the tree has been placed in its

the manure about the tree on the surface is generally regarded as the better practice.

Where the wind blows strongly from the southwest and west, as it does in many localities of Idaho, unless some windbreak exists it is very important that the tree be set so that it points strongly against the prevailing wind. Many trees that have been set on orchard sites exposed to the prevailing winds illustrates the need of using this precautionary measure, for where they were set straight they are now found to lean greatly away from the wind. Where orchard sites are particularly exposed windbreaks are especially advantageous. They stop the force of the wind, so that the trees are allowed to attain their normal shape instead of having their limbs on the southwest and west sides forced to grow up though the center of the trees. They prevent the loss of apples which autumn winds shake down at a time when their value is greatest. They protect the buds of winter from dying out and losing their vitality. Evergreen trees furnish ideal windbreaks, since the winds are broken at all seasons. Such barriers stop the sweep of winter winds as well as winds occuring during the growing season. The Norway Spruce, because it possesses these qualifications, is unsurpassed as a tree for windbreaks. The Lombardy poplar is used in some sections, but its roots are too extensive and its tops afford protection for only part of the The windbreak should be season. planted in advance of the apple trees in order that it may afford protection from the start. Spruces should be set ten feet apart with the rows at least forty feet from the nearest apple trees. Since most of the strong winds of Idaho come from the west and southwest a windbreak should occupy a position around the south and west sides of the orchard. In wind swept places a bank of everygreens, made in this manner half way around the orchard, should be regarded as a necessary part of good orcharding. This wall of evergreen will also add a delightful variety to the landscape in all seasons.

The orchardist should be sure to keep his trees growing vigorously during the first summer, as this is the most vital period in the history of an orchard. It is highly essential that the trees have a good start before

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tion is not practiced, for summer drouth is likely to prove fatal to trees of low vigor and slow growth. Thorough tillage is imperative for the best success whether the orchard be irrigated or not. Conservation of moisture in the soil and arcation of the soil are the main results to be attained by this cultivating. To this end any crop grown in the orchard the first summer should be one that requires frequent cultivating. Such crops as small fruits, potatoes, tomatoes or melons are well adapted to young orchards, while the grain and pasture or meadow crops should be avoided. Tillage should be continued until about the first of August, when it is well to sow some leguminous cover crop, such as hairy vetch or Canada field peas. Sown at this time or a little later, these crops will make sufficient growth to form a mat over the surface of the ground, and while making this growth they will aid materially in ripening the wood for the following winter. Such crops will prevent the washing and leaching of soils during winter, and when plowed under the following spring will add as much organic and fertilizing matter to the soil as a small coating of manure would furnish. The stubs which the orchardist has left after planting soon become covered with shoots issuing from every bud. The proper treament of these shoots is an important consideration. Some rub off all the shoots as they appear excepting four or five which are left for the scaffold limbs. A better practice consists in rubbing off only the lowermost shoots, leaving about ten shoots to form leaves and to grow throughout the year. In allowing more

leaf area a greater growth of root sys-

tem is promoted, since the two parts are

mutually dependent. The thinning out and the sclection of the scaffold limbs

is a task for the following spring. Dis-

cases and insects are likely to make

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during the first year. The orchardist

must be ever watchful for their appear-

ance and ready to shorten their stay

to the minimum. Anthracnose on the

trunk and shoots and scab on the

leaves are likely to be the most scrious

diseases, while the apple borer, the

green aphis and the San Jose scale are

most prominent insects. Timely appli-

cation of the best preventives and rem-

edies for these pests is the only safe-

guard. Careful and frequent obscrva-

tions is the rule for success in dealing

midsummer in sections where irriga-

with such opponents.

During the first winter as well as in after years the orchardist must exercise every precaution to prevent injuries from mice, rabbits and gophers wherever these pests exist. Many of the young orchards are practically destroyed by field mice girdling the trees. Remedies of all descriptions have been recommended as repellants or poisons for these small pests, but the majority of the paints and washes so recommended are without merit, and in some cases are decidedly injuri-

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ous to the trees. It is reported that the lime-sulphur wash, which is used in combating the San Jose scale, has been used effectively against both and rabbits. Until further mice trial has substantiated these reports the orchardist must rely upon methods which experience has proven efficacious in avoiding serious loss. letin No. 31 of the Biological Survey United States Department of Agriculture summarizes the important measures for preventing the ravages of field mice as follows: "Protection of natural enemies of field mice, particularly owls, hawks, shrikes, snakes, skunks, badgers and most species of weasils. Elimination of the breeding grounds of field mice by draining swamps and cleaning waste places that afford the animals harborage. Periodic plowing of grass and other lands for the rotation of crops. Clean cultivation of corn and other crops, and especially of orchards and nurseries. Clean mowing of grass lands and permanent meadows, so that no old grass is left over winter. Careful burning about orchards and gardens of weeds, trash and litter of all kinds that may serve the animals for winter quarters. When necessary, the burning of dead grass in meadows and pastures. This, however, should not be delayed till late spring when ground birds are nesting.

Jack rabbits are serious pests affecting young orchards in Southern Idaho. One of the best measures used in preventing their ravages is to fence against them. In some sections where the snow becomes so deep that fences form no barriers, this method is of little value. Spraying or washing the trees with the lime-sulphur wash may prove valuable. Some orchardists in the state claim that their plantations have been protected by smearing the blood and entrails of rabbits over portions of trees liable to injury.

Orchardists should resort to killing the rabbits at every opportune time. To this end a series of rabbit drives should be inaugurated, for by them thousands of rabbits may be killed in a single day. In some parts of Idaho the pocket gopher inflicts fatal injury to young trees by gnawing away the roots. Poisoning has been found to be an efficient means of ridding fields of this pest. Parsnips, potatoes or carrots are prepared as bait by placing a few grains of strychnine into knife slits made in them. Such bait is deposited far back into the burrow of the gophers by means of a long handled spoon. Since the gopher does not possess the shrewdness and suspicious instinct found in many rodents, they take easily to these poisoned vegetables, which condition enables the orchardist to deal most effectively with them.

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The Gravenstein Apple Show Held at Sabastopol, California

By J. P. McDonell

PPLE growing throughout the West and Northwest sections of the United States has developed during the past few years into one of the most extensive and profitable industries in the great field of horti-eulture. In nearly all localities where the adaptability of soil and climate to the successful culture of apples has been demonstrated the great king of fruits has been firmly established as a commercial leader. As a means of stimulating local interest, as well as for the purpose of attracting the attention of the outside world to the great results that may be obtained from the application of brains and energy to the growing of apples, many districts throughout California, Oregon, Wash-ington and other states have adopted the plan of holding annual apple shows. In this connection it can well be said that the Gravenstein Apple Show, which is annually held in Sebastopol, Sonoma County, Califor-nia, is the most unique of all apple shows. The two principal reasons why this show stands in a class by itself are: First, the time of the year that it is held; secondly, the fact that it is comprised almost exclusively of

one variety of apples—the Gravenstein. The first Gravenstein Apple Show, launched more as an experiment than with a view to making it a regular annual event, was held in Sebastopol August 10 to 14, inclusive, 1910. A large circus tent was provided for the occasion, and so heartily and resolutely did everyone work in welding the thousand and one minute details into a perfect whole that when the

opening hour arrived the sueeess of the show was assured so far as the pleasing and artistic effect of the many feature and commercial exhibits was eoncerned. However, it was not until the doors were thrown open and thousands of people from all parts of the increased attendance, and on the elosing night it was almost impossible to accommodate all who came to see old King Gravenstein in his hour of triumph.

Visitors from other parts were of one opinion—that to duplicate the



Feature exhibit at the Gravenstein Apple Show, Sebastopol, California, August 21 to 26, 1911, showing an old grist mill that years ago was located on the same grounds on which the show was held. This wheel revolved, and was covered with electric lights, making a beautiful scene

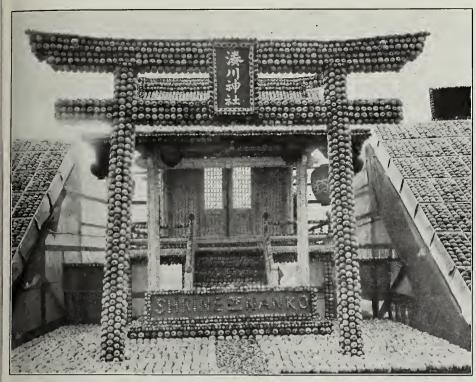
state began to file into the big pavilion that the promoters of the apple show relaxed and settled down to the happy realization that their efforts were to be crowned with financial success. Each day and evening brought forth an

1910 Gravenstein Apple Show would be difficult; to excel it impossible. However, the people of Sebastopol and surrounding country, early in 1911, entered upon the preliminary work of arranging for the Second Annual Gravenstein Apple Show with a determination to excel the exhibition of the year before. The experience gained in the initial effort was of great value in the second undertaking. Meetings were held in the various districts that eomprise the Sebastopol Gravenstein apple section, and in each of these distriets committees were appointed to arrange for a district feature exhibit. Pleasant Hill, Forestville, Stony Point and other districts heartily entered into a good natured rivalry for the feature exhibits' first prize. Greater effort was put forth for the capture of this trophy than for the grand sweepstakes prize, and the result was that the feature exhibits at the 1911 show were the most unique and original that the mind could imagine.

The first district feature exhibit prize was won by the Pleasant Hill district. It consisted of a large side-wheel steamboat completely covered with green and evaporated apples. The eraft floated in water, and the paddle wheels and walking beam were kept in constant operation. Every detail of the steamer was worked out to the most minute point. Other feature exhibits, both district and individual, were an old-fashioned grist



A novel feature exhibit at the Gravenstein Apple Show, Sebastopol, California, August 21 to 26, 1911. This was called the "Peek-a-boo Apple" or "Gravenstein Is King," Within the apple was a panorama view of the orchard from which these apples in the feature were taken, which was the center of much interest



The Shrine of Nanko, the Japanese Church. This took the third prize, and was one of the most beautifully gotten up of the feature exhibits at Gravenstein Apple Show, Sebastopol, California August 21 to 26, 1911

mill and water wheel, a miniature farm, the "Old Oaken Bucket," a replica of the Analy Union High School, the Garden of Eden, an aeroplane, and so on down the line of thought and genius. Every feature exhibit was made up entirely of Gravenstein apples and not a detail was overlooked.

There were many carload exhibits showing the commercial pack, and in this line there were also innumerable exhibits of one, five, ten, twenty-five and fifty boxes. The commercial pack, arranged as it was along the four walls of the large pavilion, formed a perfect and beautiful frame for the show. Nevertheless the feature exhibits were the drawing card and thousands of people paid admission many times during the week, and each visit to the show revealed something that had been previously overlooked. An exhibit around which much attention centered was that of Luther Burbank, the great wizard of plant life, whose

experimental gardens are within half a mile of Sebastopol. The 1911 Gravenstein Apple Show was officially opened by Mr. Burbank.

The Gravenstein apple matures in the Sebastopol section from six weeks to two months earlier than in any other part of the United States, and this is why an apple show can be held here during the first days of August. The Gravenstein Apple Show has been firmly established as an annual festival and a feature in the social and business life of Sebastopol. The show is held under the auspices of a duly incorporated association comprised of business men and apple growers. year a canvas pavilion 110x260 feet was made to order for the association. In addition to Gravensteins, there were on exhibition at the show this year nine varieties of perfectly colored and absolutely matured apples. The show was opened on Monday evening, August 14, and closed on Saturday night, August 21.

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Mrs. Ella D. Rowland of Zillah, Washington, was awarded the unique prize of \$500 in gold coin presented

in a handsome plush-lined leather case from President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific Railway, and a \$1,000 silver trophy cup offered by A. G. Hanauer of Spokane. In second place in the apple contest was Mr. Robert Johnson of North Yakima. To Mr. Johnson was presented a beautiful silver trophy cup donated by President Elliott and engraved with Mr. Johnson's name and the purpose of the cup. At the announcement of these prizes the many Westerners present gave three cheers for the productive Northwest. On winter wheat Mr. James Todd of Geyser, Montana, took first prize, a silver cup donated by Mr. J. J. Hill. On oats a silver cup

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thirty exhibtors, representing prac-

Mrs. Ella D. Rowland, Zillah, Washington, winner of the first prize at New York Land Show, 1911

tically all of the apple growing districts in the United States and Canada. The first twelve exhibitors who scored the highest were all, with one exception, from the Northwest States. A New York state exhibit ranked sixth in the list. But just to show what it could do, the Northwest had five competitors lined up with higher scores than the Eastern orchards.

Mrs. Ella D. Rowland of Zillah, Yakima County, Washington, went to that famous valley eighteen years ago with her husband and settled in their present location, consisting of thirty acres, twenty-nine of which are in apples at the present time. They originally cultivated hops on their ranch with good success, afterwards planting it to apples. Mr. Rowland died last June, since which time Mrs. Rowland has managed the ranch, steadily producing those apples which have now placed her in the lead of orchardists the world over. The land which grew these apples originally cost the Rowlands \$40 per acre. Mrs. Rowland now values her land at \$1,600 per acre. She does not care to sell, however, as she intends to

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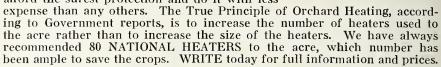
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Mr. Robert Johnson winning seeond prize for apples at New York Land Show, 1911

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President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific, as soon as the news was telegraphed to him, wired as fol-lows: "Congratulations to the managers of the New York Land Show and to the productive Northwest, which carried off first prizes for apples, winter wheat, oats, barley and alfalfa, all but one grown in territory tributary to Northern Pacific Railway, the pioneer line from Lake Superior and Mississippi River to the Columbia River and Puget Sound. The Northern Pacific and the great Northwest have worked together for thirty years, but the next ten will show a far greater growth in agriculture, commerce and good citizenship than has been accomplished in the last thirty, and the winning of these prizes shows the possibilities of the beautiful Northwest States. This is a fine thing for our section of the country."

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The attendance at this, the first great land show to be held in the Eastern States, has exceeded the expectations of the promoters. Madison Square Garden has been thronged from opening hour in the morning until late at night. While the total count is not in at this time, it is estimated that close to 200,000 people have visited the land show during the ten days it has been open.

Among the exhibits, the railways and districts of the West and Northwest have been prominently in evidence. Across one entire end of the building the Northern Pacific had a most elaborate exhibit of vegetables, fruits, grains and grasses from the states it traverses, and fish and oysters from the North Pacific Coast districts served by its lines. Eight thousand people registered at the Northern Pacific exhibit as being definitely interested in the Northwest. people will be personally solicited, as far as possible, to make a trip of inspection and choose a future home in the Northwest, the land of prosperity.

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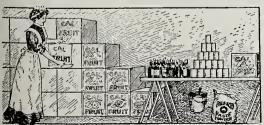
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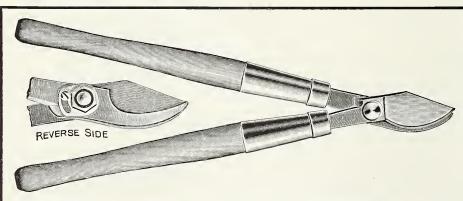
Display made by Fred Whiteside at Montana State Fair, Helena, Montana, September 25, 1911

Montana State Fair at Helena

THE fruit exhibit of the Montana State Fair at Helena, September 25, 1911, fully came up to the standards of past years in quantity. It is safe to say that the quality was better than that of previous years, and such should be the case in a developing fruit state. Each fair sees the entries swelled with efforts put forth by some newer fruit section. This year Lincoln County, a new county and a new fruit growing locality, appeared with a display of fruit that carried off its share of first prizes and spoke well of the county's possibilities in fruit growing.

The display of fruit entered by Mr. Briggs of Victor, Montana, carried off the cup offered for the best display of

fruit, and the Bitter Root Valley again demonstrated its possibilities as a fruit growing section. The display of fruit entered by the County of Missoula was indeed creditable and won a goodly share of first premiums on plate exhibits. Flathead County was well represented by the exhibits of Mr. Whiteside, and Saunders County was always found at least close to the top in competition for prizes on plate exhibits and packed boxes. Many other counties displayed excellent collections of fruit in connection with other exhibits, which at least demonstrated the fruit growing possibilities of many sections which do not boast of their ability to grow fruit.-Contributed.



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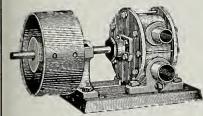
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The Washington State Fair at North Yakima

By H. B. Averill, Acting Secretary Washington State Fair Commission

FTER many years of discouragingly slow growth the Washington State Fair is at last beginning to loom up as a big institution somewhat in keeping with its dignity as a state institution. Its friends, though appreciative of obstacles still to overcome, are optimistic; its enemies-and every state institution has its enemies—are pessimistic. Considering the fact that this state fair has grown up in a comparatively small town and in a state geographically divided into three or four distinct districts whose interests sometimes clash, and the further fact that each session of the Legislature for years has wit-

nessed a protracted struggle for a small appropriation, Washington's fair has done well. The recent report of the state examiners, who found the financial affairs of the fair perfectly satisfactory, showed the total value of the grounds, buildings and personal property to be \$183,272.50. There are 120 acres practically adjoining the City of North Yakima, directly on the street car line. The grounds are prettily laid out with a mile race course, boulevards, streets, lawns and flower gardens, and contains a beautiful grove, which during the summer months is the scene of many enjoyable social affairs. More than \$1,000 worth of

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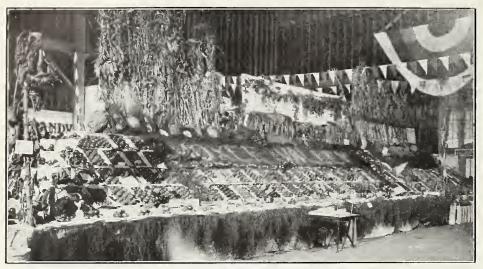
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year (1910) \$9,400 was distributed and this year (1911) about the same amount. This money has gone almost entirely into the hands of Washington and Oregon competitors, stimulating the breeding of thoroughbred stock, more seientifie horticulture and agrieulture and eneouraging the domestic arts. The amusement features have not been overlooked, but have eome in for a generous share of the expenditures, it being necessary to entertain people at state fairs as well as to edueate them and to stimulate industry.

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A more complete show of blooded stock, particularly dairy cattle, was not held on the Pacific Coast this year. Competent judges pronounced the six Holstein herds competing for honors and cash prizes the finest class exhibition ever seen on the Coast. winning herd, that of A. C. Mills of Ferry, Washington, was taken east to the International Dairy Cattle Exhibition held at Chicago, and there The high standard won high honors. Washington State attained by the Fair's stock exhibitions gives ample assurance of the success of this department at future fairs. Seven hundred pens were filled by poultry exhibitors and \$950 in premiums distributed.

chairman of the exhibition committee.

The fair is growing faster than the support given it in a financial way and has really become an institution deserving of state wide support. It is useless to look to one valley, even as prosperous and wealthy a one as that of Yakima, to support a state fair unaided. The Washington State Fair officially represents Washington agriculture, horticulture and industries, and as such is deserving of more substantial support while it is erecting buildings and getting on its feet. The present fair commission, headed by Dr. J. S. Kloeber, is a thoroughly representative one, with individual broad views and sufficient public spirit and energy to build a successful state fair if fairly supported. Charles Heath, cashier of the Yakima Valley Bank at North Yakima, is treasurer; the other members are: State Senator J. C. Hubbell of Ellensburg, W. A. Ritz of Walla Walla and T. N. Henry of Prosser.

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Like all other sections of the Northwest, the Lane County apple crop was short this season, and in consequence the number of boxes fell somewhat short of previous shows. After the show closed a part of the exhibit was taken to Albany the following week, and was awarded sweepstakes prize against the entire Willamette Valley. This is the third consecutive year that Lane County apples have taken this prize. An excellent showing of grapes was also made, including Concord,

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The Ninth Annual Flathead County Fair

By S. G. Robinson, Agriculturist, Flathead County High School

THE Ninth Annual Flathead County Fair made its formal opening this L year at Kalispell, Montana, on the morning of October 11 and closed its last program on October 13. As usual, the fair grounds teemed with visitors from all parts of the county, and all sorts of amusement features were provided by the management to entertain and amuse the out-of-town as well the local contingent. Formal programs were followed out each afternoon, including running races, apple packing contests, cowboy potato races, football games, broncho riding and many other forms of entertainment. The attendance was the second largest in the history of the county association. The Flathead County Fair is the last one to be held in the State of Montana, and is the only one to follow the State Fair, all of the other fairs being held at an earlier date. In the higher altitudes on the east of the range the Indian summer weather of fall is sometimes broken by early storms, and the fairs that are held early in the season do not get the best weather. In the lower altitudes of the Flathead Valley, however, the warm days of autumn linger well into October, and by holding the fair at this time of the year the products of the orchard and the farm are secured at their very best. The county fair is now recognized as a most valuable institution, and as such deserves more attention in the future than it has received in the past. As an index of public spirit the county fair is an

unfailing barometer of the conditions in the country; it even stands for more than the material progress of the community, for it shows the general moral and educational worth of the people just as truly as it does the biggest pumpkin, the finest horse and the largest apple. As Flathead County has more varied and finer products than any other section of the state, the importance of its county fair is hardly to be over emphasized.

As was expected, the poultry show fully outdid last year's display, and the exhibitions were large and of the first order. There was a specially fine collection of Toulouse Geese and Muscovy, Indian Runner and Pekin ducks. All of the fancy and standard grades of chickens were very well represented. In the Mediterranean class were shown splendid specimens of Anconas, White and Brown Leghorns and Buttercups. In the English class were exhibited White, Buff and Black Orpingtons. In the American class were displayed many Rhode Island Reds, Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Plymouth Rocks and Wyandottes. In the Asiatic class were seen Langshans and Light Brahmas. The poultry exhibit also included Bantams, Rhode Island Reds of the "Nugget Strain" in rose and single comb, White Pekin ducks, pigeons, Guinea pigs and squirrels.

The new barn built this year for the animal husbandry exhibition of the fair was filled with splendid specimens of horses, cattle and swine, sent

in from all parts of the county. Among the horses shown were Percherons, Belgians, Clydes, Standard and Grade drafts, and Standard Thoroughbreds, Shetlands, Hambletonians, Morgans and other drivers. The display of the cattle, while not large was exceedingly good, there being Polled Durhams, Jerseys, Holsteins and Grade dairy cattle. In the swine department of the animal husbandry exhibit were seen excellent animals of the Doruc Red and Poland China types.

The vegetable exhibit was the best that has ever been produced in the history of Flathead County, and it certainly spoke eloquently of the fertility of Flathead soil. Everything in the general line of olericulture was shown, including beets, pumpkins, cabbages, parsnips, carrots, salsify, cow pumpkins, squash of all kinds, sunflower, tomatoes, cauliflower,

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corn and pop corn. Some of the specimens were exteremely large, and these were singled out from the balance of the exhibits and placed where they could be looked at and commented upon by the large crowds that visited the building all day. Without doubt this section of the exhibit held the erowds longer than any other part of the fair. Everybody took turns in commenting on the extra size of the specimens, and not a few wished that they could take the exhibits home to place in storage for the coming winter. There was no large display by any onc individual grower, as has been the case at two or three of the fairs of recent years, but the number of exhibits was larger and the collections were surprisingly uniform in excellence. The displays of potatoes was a great feature, many growers bringing in those which were remarkable for size, while others had boxes of the mainstay of life which were smooth, uni-

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form in size and best suited for the table. All of the vegetables were of superior quality, the white turnips drawing special attention. One large turnip weighed twenty-two pounds and the combined weight of six speeimens amounted to 120 pounds. I might remark that some of the finest vegetables exhibited were grown on claim land, on sod broken last spring, and were planted between the first and the tenth of last June.

An innovation along agricultural lines was the fine exhibition of grains and grasses which was placed in compctition from several districts of the county. Here were seen wheat, oats, barley, peas, corn, clover, timothy, alfalfa, brome grass and red top. The Dayton, Montana, display was the most attractive exhibit in this line, including vegetables as well as grasses, showing fully the wonderful resources of that valley. This display was gathered under the personal supervision of S. B. Allen, a homesteader near Dayton, and every article, pareel, root, stem and apple was gathered by Mr. Allen during the past few weeks between breathing spells while holding down his claim. The Dayton exhibit of grasses, grains and vegetables was eontributed by all of the old-timers in that part of the reservation country as well as by the new settlers who have moved into that section since the Flathead Indian Reservation has been opened for settlement. In this display was also shown some fine ore taken from the Jumbo mine, obtained from the latest strike in that property. This part of the fair attracted a great deal of attention. Along with this eame the display of flowers by the Kalispell gardens, showing all of the flowers that ever grew out of doors in Flathead County. All shapes, eolors and variations made a very pleasant exhibition.

Another display that was exeeedingly interesting to the large erowds was the one put in by the Montana Lareh and Pine Manufacturers' Assoeiation. Here were seen larch and pine in all the stages of manufacturing, plain lumber, finished lumber and wood that looked as if it might have been taken from the panel of some fine piano, so fine was its polish and grain. Many people who have lived here for years were surprised at the finish that could be put on lumber milled from the common old tamarack trees that they have been using for fuel all this time. The display covered manufactured articles in all stages. Many pieces were finished in various eolors and shades, and several extraordinary samples were shown for the purpose of giving an idea of what might be expected of the milled product in the near future.

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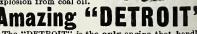
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ing of all the exhibits, and it is safe to assume that a more wonderful display of fruit was never seen in Kalispell. A brand new building had been erected for the horticultural display, a structure measuring 100x40 feet, substantially built on a concrete foundation, supported in the middle by a line of upright timbers set on concrete bases. The building was very well ventilated and well lighted by means of skylights. One entire side of the building was prepared for the fruit display. Two by fours were fixed on a bevel of about fifty per cent and a cross work of slats was arranged to hold the boxes. The display of fruit covered eighty feet and contained all of the varieties and kinds of fruit grown in Flathead County. Through the center of the building, along each side of the line of supports, were rows of shelves for the plate display. Here were arranged the canned fruits and vegetables, cakes, cookies, bread, candies, jellies, preserves, etc., prepared by the culinary experts of the fem-inine division of Flathead County.

The largest exhibit of fruits was produced by Senator Fred Whiteside. This display was not placed in competition for prizes, but merely to show what Flathead County was capable of producing in the horticultural line. The exhibit, a mass of McIntosh Reds, surrounded by boxes of McMahon Whites, excited much favorable comment. This display of Senator Whiteside's was an exact reproduction of the senator was an exact reproduction. tion of his exhibition at the State Fair this year, in which he obtained so many blue ribbons. The next largest display was made by the Rollins estate, the exhibit showing many apples, pears, plums and peaches, the various fruits comparing very favorably with the exhibits at the larger shows this year. The Sunset Orchard, representing the eastern shore of Flathead Lake, had a marvelous display of plums, the largest ever grown in Flathead County. Grapes were also well represented. In fact, looking back ten years to the first county fair, the fruit men especially have a story of evolution to tell in regard to the improvement in fruit in Flathead County. Both size and quality marked the fruit exhibited this year, the apples repre-

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senting both the household orchard and the commercial apples. Many persons passed along the apple exhibit and decided on how many boxes of each kind they wanted for use until next May. The valley resident is priding himself on his expanding knowledge and is surely getting inside of the apple question. The peach was more prominent in the display this year, and along with the pear has been selected as to what is best for the soil and climate of Flathead County. One glance at the plums removed all doubt of their being adapted to our valley. From the Golden Egg through all of the reds and into the deepest of purples, for size, quality and beauty the plums could not be beaten. As I heard one dealer say: "This is a plum country; they will not fail you; there

is money in plums." Flathead orehardists had their note books wide open at the fair, and were taking orders for the delivery of apples and pears by the box and in larger quantities. The orders covered varieties both for the immediate use and for later use in the winter. A fruit man was asked what the doctors would do if all of the people in Flathead County would take to eating apples for the fall and winter after filling up all summer on raspberries, strawberries, plums and the summer apples. "Well," said Mr. B., "the doctors would have to go in for apple raising for a living and incidentally prolong their own lives." The King-Thurman Nursery Company was the only nursery represented at the fair. They exhibited any number of kinds

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of fruit trees as well as several varieties of shade and ornamental trees, indicating the growth of the nursery business in Flathead County.

One of the many exhibitions of the fair was the apple packing contest. This affair attracted much attention, for many people had never seen the packing in progress. The marking was on a scale of 100 points, twenty points each on time, line, pack, wrap and crown. Each contestant was to pack three boxes, a time limit of twentyfive minutes being fixed. No allowance was made for any reduction of time from the twenty-five minutes, but a reduction was made from the time percentage for all over the twenty-five minutes. There were six eontestants and the seores were: 96.5:2, 95.5:3, 92.0:4, 85.0:5, 84.0:6 and 83.0. I heard this question asked: "How do you suppose it would impress a stranger if he could be blindfolded until he reached the hills above the fair grounds, where he might have a panoramie view of the valley in its extent, its October skies and atmosphere? Would he think he had landed in paradise?" At least he might imagine he had stumbled into an improvised plan of the Garden of Eden when he saw the apples that Mother Eve had pieked for him.

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can best locate upon lands for home-

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in conjunction with similar bureaus created by the several states, the better to accomplish that much to be desired end. The importance of this step is realized when we consider that over seventy-five per cent of all the people coming from other countries to our shores have been cultivating the soil in their native lands. But should not the national government, if not the state, go a step further? A large percentage of immigrants land at our great ports of entry with insufficient money to enable them to push out West or to the Southwest. Shall I,

who have always been broadly conservative, be regarded as preaching paternalism, or as socialistic in my purpose, when suggesting that the duty of the national government may be found in providing, under proper safeguard, a fund which may be used to make loans of suitable amounts to enable this thrifty and frugal class of people to locate their homes under the government irrigation plants? Does the duty of the state lie in the care of her indigent and needy? Does her duty lie in the enlightenment of her ignorant? Is her duty found in the proper protection of her people by creating such laws as to protect her citizens in the pursuit of life, liberty and happiness? Then, I inquire, does not the state's duty lie along the lines of making such wholesome provision for that part of her true, though money-poor people, as to obtain homes on the land, thereby creating a trucr and nobler citizenship, and whereby we shall require less almshouses and jails and prisons? I believe this to be one of the most important subjects that can occupy the serious attention of the people of the United States at large, and by their state legislatures and the National Congress at Washington. Now, as I have said, we have the immigration bureau, whose duty it is to point out the land for the landless man. But we should supply by national legislation the missing link in this vital economic chain by providing for these worthy immigrant farmers the money on reasonable time and at a low rate of interest, payment to be secured upon their purchases of the public domain, of irrigated or dry farming lands, as the farmer may prefcr. To this end I advocate that the government provide an 'immigration land fund' to be placed under the care and direction of the Secretary of the Interior. That he shall, in conjunction with the immigration bureau, inaugurate such machinery as is needful to select and determine as to frugal and worthy immigrant farmers. Those farmers who shall choose irrigated lands shall be placed under the care of the reclamation service, and those who desire to locate on dry lands shall be under the care of the Secretary of Agriculture, for arranging their settlement upon the lands so chosen. I expect that some proper arrangement could be made by our government with governments abroad so that those farmers who purpose coming to the states could have their standing vizied by some proper official in the country of their nativity. This 'immigration land fund' should be revolving in character, of reasonable size at the outset and suitably enlarged as time matured and the plan was discovered as eminently wise."-Contributed.

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THE apple season in Watsonville has been backward this year owing to the cool summer which has prevailed throughout the entire apple producing sections of the state. This fact was demonstrated at the California Apple Show held here in October. Several apple growing districts of the state were unable to exhibit this year on account of the fruit being immature owing to the cool summer. The picking season has been particularly advantageous this year. The weather has been all that could be desired and there has been just enough rain to keep down the dust. The orchards are practically all picked and but few loose boxes remain in the orchards to be delivered to the packing houses, one hundred of which are located within the city limits. The crop this year will be about seventy per cent of what it was last season. Last year's output was 4,023 carloads of green apples. In addition to this, there were about 250 carloads of evaporated apples, representing five times the quantity in green apples, or 1,250 carloads. The Newtown Pippin crop will average not over seventy-five per cent of last year, but what it lacks in quantity it will make up in quality. The Bellflower crop will average in the neighborhood of seventy-five per cent of last year's production. Other varieties will average proportionately in quantity in comparison with last year's crop.

Every indication points to a big op next season. The fruit buds crop next season. show evidence of a heavy blossom, as the apple crop in this locality is not affected by severe winters which prevail in other latitudes. The buyers of fruit on the trees are taking no chances as to a crop failure. My father was a pioneer orchardist of the Pajaro Valley and had a large bearing orchard in 1868. I have often heard him say that his orchard never failed to bear abundantly, and during all of my years of residence here I have never known of a failure of the apple crop. One of the principal items of expense in caring for orchards here is the thinning. It is estimated that often over fifty per cent of the apples on the trees are removed while the fruit is small. Then the trees have to be propped well to hold their heavily laden branches. An effort is being made by the Commercial League to induce the packers of the valley to agree to government inspection of apples before they are shipped out. A plan has been inaugurated whereby each packer will be assessed one cent per packed box, the amount thus realized to be used to pay the salaries of competent men to inspect the pack and see to it that nothing but first class fruit is shipped out. If this plan does not materialize it is probable that the Lafean bill will become a law at the next session of Congress, which will accomplish the same end.

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clearly than ever that the McIntosh and other favorite varieties are becoming more firmly intrenched in the Eastern markets. Hamilton and the stations adjacent thereto shipped most of this, their consignments amounting to 245 cars and 4,375 cases for the two months. Victor consigned 30 straight cars and Stevensville half that number, in addition to miscellaneous shipments. Other shipping points made up the totals as stated. Figured at the low average of \$700 per car this would mean in the neighborhood of \$260,000 paid into the valley for apples and fruit alone in two short months.-A. J. Brutinstein, Missoula, Montana.

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Co-Operation in Handling and Marketing of Fruit By G. Harold Powell, Pomologist, United States Bureau of Plant Industry

(Continued from last issue)

THERE is a growing practice in the co-operative associations to pool and sell the fruit as a common commodity under the brands of the association rather than to sell the fruit of each grower separately. The pool is an arrangement by which the similar grades of fruit of all the growers are united and sold together. At the end of a pool, which may vary from a daily pool in the summer fruit business to a monthly or semi-monthly pool in the citrus fruit business or a season pool in the apple industry, the grower receives his pro rata of the proceeds, based on the number of pounds or packages of each grade that he has contributed. In theory the grower has the privilege of contributing to each pool his pro rata of the fruit of the association as a whole, the manager of the association usually apportioning to the growers their quota in accordance with their respective acreage. The pooling arrangement greatly simplifies the practical business methods of an association. The successful working of the pooling system depends on having the han-dling, grading and packing of the fruit under the direction and control of the association. It may, but does not often succeed where these operations are in the hands of the grower. It further depends on having a large proportion of the fruit of the association of uniform grade. There is considerable variation in the average quality of different lots of fruit in the same grade, even under the most rigid system of grading. The fancy grade of one grower may average better than that of another, though the fruit of both is entitled to be graded fancy under the established rules of the association. No grower is willing to admit that he does not raise the best fruit in his community, and where it happens that his fruit falls below the average and he is paid for a larger proportion of the lower grades than his neighbor he may become dissatisfied, when he will either drift along and finally leave the association or will adopt better cultural methods. In some communities there is a friendly rivalry among the association members in securing the largest proportion of the higher grades of fruit. The grade of fruit grown under similar conditions of soil and location depends largely on the cultural skill of the grower, and the publicity that the association affords regarding the results of grading the fruit of different growers is a strong factor in stimulating better cultural methods in a community as a whole. On the other hand, the pooling system may not encourage the unusually skillful grower to develop fruit of the highest average grade. If he stands alone as a skillful grower he will not get the full advantage of his extra fine fruit in the pool, as the practical effect of the pool is to lower the average price of extra fine fruit and to raise the price of fruit that can barely enter a grade. An association ought, therefore, to be composed of members located similarly as to soil and other physical conditions, and having similar cultural skill and similar acreage. Unless these fundamental conditions are carefully guarded the pooling system may tend to lower the average grade of the fruit of a commodity because the grower, realizing that the identity of his fruit is lost in the pool, may grow careless in his cultural practices and trust to the better fruit of his more careful neighbors to raise the average net returns of the grades in which his fruit is pooled.

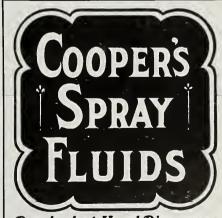
In theory a large association can handle a business more economically than a small one. It is not usually practicable, in the orange business for example, to organize an association and build a packing house unless there are at least one hundred and fifty cars of fruit to ship. The largest associations do not often ship more than seven hundred and fifty cars, and only a few of these large associations are highly successful, as they are likely to become unwieldy and difficult to hold together. There is a wide difference in the character of the fruit grown on different soils at different altitudes, with other dissimilar physical condi-tions. The variation shown in the

texture of the skin, in its color and clearness, in the flavor of the fruit, and in those qualities which give it style and attractiveness. There is no system of grading by which the fruit grown under different conditions can be made uniform and similar. An association should, therefore, include not only those growers who are similarly skillful, but also those whose fruit nat-

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urally shows similar characeristics. In a community in which the fruit is somewhat variable it is a wiser policy to organize several associations, each with its brands of fruit, than to attempt to market all of the fruit under the same brand through one organization. These organizations may act independently in the purchase of supplies and in the marketing of the fruit, or they may federate and form an agency to act for them in the distribution and marketing of the fruit, in the purchase of supplies and in promoting the co-operative movement in other ways. It is only under this method of organization that the co-operative association can reach its highest development as a business organization and have its greatest effect in the development of better methods of fruit growing and in real development.

The citrus fruit industry in California which has developed commercially since 1873, when the Washington naval orange, originally grown in Brazil, was sent to Riverside by the United States Department of Agriculture, and represents an investment of \$150,000,000 to \$175,000,000. The annual shipments or oranges and lemons have reached the enormous total of 40,000 to 50,000 carloads, with a value in California estimated to vary from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,000. Between 125,000 and 150,000 acres have been planted to citrus fruits and from 100,000 to 150,000 people depend on the industry for a livelihood. The industry is localized largely in Southern California, though it is extending rapidly in the interior valleys to the north. No other horticultural industry in the United States of equal extent is so compactly located. None presents more difficult problems or requires a more skillful distribution and marketing of the crop. Oranges and lemons are distributed from California practically every day in the year for distances of thousands of miles to all of the important cities and towns in the United States and Canada, and great quantities are exported to other countries. When the industry was small no complicated problems of distribution or marketing faced the grower. The fruit was sold for cash to buyers on the ground or to brokers who represented distant commission houses or other interests, or it may have been sent direct to a commission firm in some far-away city. As the industry grew larger and there were several thousand carloads of fruit to sell, the grower began to realize that the systems of selling the fruit already in operation were inadequate to bring to him the proportion of the returns which his capital was earning and to which he considered himself entitled. Under the system then in operation there were frequent gluts in a few of the markets, and apparently no effort among the buyers to equalize the distribution of the fruit geographically or throughout the year. The buyers were said sometimes to have fixed the maximum price which would be paid

the grower and to apportion the citrus fruit area into districts so as to reduce competition among themselves. result was disastrous to the producer, and became so serious in the early nineties as to threaten to wipe out the capital invested in the industry. About this time the growers began to organize small associations for the purpose of preparing the fruit for shipment, and in order that it might be assembled in quantity and sold for cash or shipped as a unit. Mr. T. H. B. Chamblin of Riverside was the pioneer in organizing the citrus fruit growers in Southern California. The Pechappa Fruit Association was the first one formed, about 1888. A number of these growers' associations were soon formed, and in 1893 a plan was out-

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lined by Mr. Chamblin, and finally adopted in principle, which federated a number of the associations and provided for the preparation of the fruit for market by the local associations, and for the organization of district exchanges to be made up of the local associations, which were to receive orders for the fruit and apportion them among the associations, it being the intent at that time to ship

only such fruit as was sold before picking, and the formation of an executive committee made up of representatives from the district exchanges to market the fruit. Out of this federation grew the Southern California Fruit Exchange in 1895, and later, in 1905, the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, which now handles about sixty per cent of the citrus fruits grown in California. There are many other associations of growers not connected with the exchange which are organized on the same general principles, and these associations, together with the exchange and a few large growers who market their own fruit, handle about eighty-five per cent of the citrus fruit crop. In order that the principles which underlie the largest co-operative marketing organization in the United States may be understood a brief outline of the exchange system follows:

The California Fruit Growers' Exchange represents about six thousand growers who have organized themselves into one hundred or more local associations. The association usually owns its own packing house where the fruit of the members is assembled, pooled and prepared for market under brands adopted for the different grades by the association. The association usually picks the fruit for the members. The associations in the different regious combine into one or more

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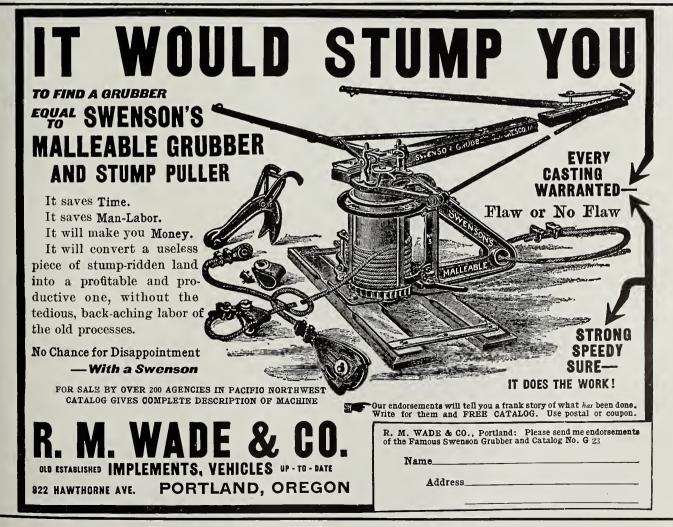
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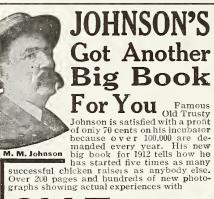
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pay the growers through the local associations. The central exchange, the district exchange and the association all transact the business for the grower at actual cost. The central exchange, through its agents, is in daily touch with the markets of America, thereby enabling it to distribute fruit intelligently. The local exchanges and the associations receive a daily bulletin from the central exchange which outlines the condition of the all the markets the preceding day, states the selling price of all the exchange cars and gives the growers such information as will help them to pack and distribute their fruit to the best advantage.

The limits of this article are too restricted to permit more than a brief outline of the battle that the citrus fruit growers of California had to wage for fifteen years before the co-operative principle was on a firm foundation. At first the growers were inexperienced in meeting the attacks of those who opposed co-operation among the producers. Powerful financial interests of various kinds were arrayed against them and were organized to oppose them. Vicious attacks were made on the integrity of the officers. The results obtained by the associations were belittled, the growers' association contract was assailed in the courts and the methods of marketing the fruit were attacked. most determined efforts were made to show that the growers' organizations were illegally formed. Finally the growers combined with the buyers at one time to market the entire crop, but this incongruous combination of producers and dealers was dissolved at the end of a year and a half. The history of the citrus industry in California is largely a record of the progress in the co-operative handling and distribution of the crop by the producer, and of his determination to receive an equitable share of the value of the labor expended in its production. The battle has been won; the co-operative principle is firmly fixed. It is the balance wheel that gives the stability to the industry and to the relations that exist between it and the agencies with which it transacts business. Fewer serious efforts are made now to break down the co-operative principle among the growers. New schemes of fruit marketing are proposed from time to time, the organizations are frequently attacked in the courts under one guise or another, and other insidious movements are started, all having in view the possible splitting open of the co-operative organizations and a return to the methods of marketing which would destroy the systematic distribu-



tion and marketing now in operation and reinstate the chaotic speculative methods that were formerly in vogue. The co-operative movement in the citrus industry is the result of a slow, painful evolution, and the growers do



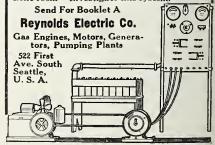
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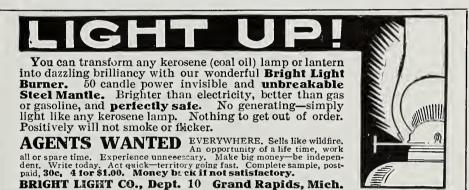


not appear to be deceived by these efforts, no matter how ingeniously and artfully they are conceived

artfully they are conceived. The co-operative associations sell the fruit in a variety of ways, the method of sale depending on the character and condition of the industry and the practices that have grown up around it. A large proportion of the deciduous summer fruit is sold f.o.b. cars at the point of production, subject to inspection on arrival in market, or for cash f.o.b. cars, or at auction. Some is consigned to commission merchants. From twenty-five to thirty per cent of the citrus fruits of California are sold at public auction in the Eastern and Central Western markets, and a large proportion of the Western deciduous fruits is sold in this manner. Among the apple associations it is a common practice to send to the trade in advance of the harvest a catalogue of the probable number of boxes of the different varieties and sizes of the higher grades of fruit that the association has for sale, and finally to sell the fruit to the highest f.o.b. bidder. The lower grades are consigned to eommission firms, are sold for cash or are marketed in other ways. Few of the organizations except those that transact a large business, like the citrus fruit growers of Florida and California, the peach shippers of Georgia and the deciduous fruit shippers of California, have attempted to regulate the distribution of their products throughout the country, nor have any serious attempts been made to carry the distribution beyond the wholesale dealer, the broker or the auction companies. The co-operative method has brought about large economies in the purchase of supplies, in the cost of preparing the fruit for shipment and in the eharges for distribution and sale. It has improved the methods of fruit packing and grading enormously. It has sometimes doubled the net returns to the individual grower for his product. The difference in the price that the association receives for the fruit and that which the consumer pays is

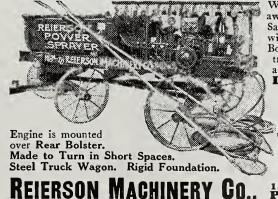
often one hundred per cent or more higher than the original selling price, and this contracts consumption. As long as the country is prosperous and

the present method of distribution and sale does not cause a disastrous oversupply in the principal markets, the growers will be satisfied to continue the methods now in operation. But as the fruit business increases it will be necessary for the growers' associations to develop methods for increasing consumption. This will be accomplished by a more general distribution of their products by the development of their associations into marketing organizations, by equalizing the distribution of the fruit over a longer period through a greater use of cold storage warehouses, by stimulating a greater fruit consumption through systematic advertising and by placing the fruit in the consumers' hands at a cost nearer that which the producer himself receives. As the American fruit business increases the grower may be expected to bring about as great an improvement in the methods of distributing and selling his products to the consumer as he has already accomplished in the handling, grading, packing and preparation of the fruit for market.









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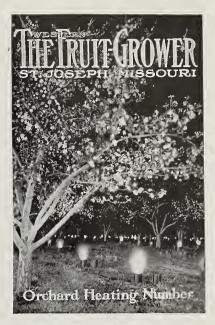
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That New Apple Orchard

By Sylvanus Van Aken, Port Ewen, New York

OING to set out a new apple orchard next spring? Then begin to plan early if you want to do it right. Personally I prefer the "diamond" system of planting. You can get as many trees on six acres as you can on seven when set on the square. One must allow twelve feet for all fences in order to leave room for working. The matter of laying out the orchard calls for considerable thought on the part of the beginner. Having had the opportunity of setting out orchards here in Hudson Valley, New York, I may be able to give a few pointers.

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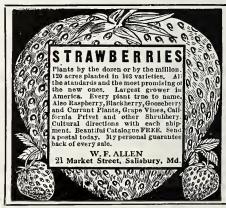
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The first thing to do in starting an orchard on the "diamond" plan is to set stakes for the first row of standard trees. To get this I start on one side of the field where there is a straight fence, or where one can get a straight row of trees. The straight line can be readily laid out by setting poles fifty or sixty feet apart and stretching a line between them. Make sure the line is straight by sighting with the eye,

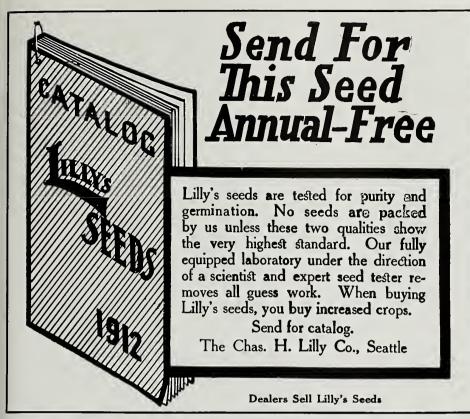
forty-foot chain and set a small stake every forty feet where a tree is to stand every forty feet where the is to stand along the stretched line. After this the large poles and line may be moved on ahead. When the first row has been all staked out for trees take two strings of picture wire forty feet long, put a hook on one end of each and fasten the other ends in a ring large enough to drive a small stake through, One man tends the hooks, which are placed, to start, on the first two stakes of the first standard row. When the cords or wires are now stretched the center of the ring will lic where the first tree will come in the second row of standard trees. Put a stake there, pass first hook over to the third stake, and you locate the second tree in your second standard row. Keep this up all over the field, making sure that your lines measure just forty feet when you start each new row. If the ground is not too hard or stony shingles cut in narrow strips will do for stakes. In this way two men can measure off and stake out a large field in a day. The standard trees should all be staked for and set first. Then go over the field the same way and stake for the fillers, using the standard trees for the hooks on the line. Three men can be used to a good advantage at this time. By using this method carefully there will be no need of sighting along the rows of trees while planting.

Taking it for granted that you are going to put out quite a large commercial orchard and do not want to wait ten or twelve years for the fruit in paying quantities, I suggest that, if your conditions are right, you plant nothing but red apples of the following varieties: For the standards,









Delicious and Jonathan: for the fillers. Wealthy, MackIntosh and Black Ben. These latter varieties grow rapidly and bear in a few years if properly pruned and headed. When they get in the way of the standard trees, which will be in twelve or fifteen years, they must be cut out at once. It is sometimes practical to cut out only two-thirds of the fillers and let the other third stand a few years longer. The trees that are left standing will be the ones in the filler row standing an equal distance

from four standard trees. Your choice of variety, of course, depends on your

around the stake with point of shovel the size of hole should be, which will be about two feet across. By using this method the right location for the hole will not be lost in digging after you have removed the stake. The hole should be about eighteen inches deep, which allows for throwing a couple of shovelfuls of top soil in bottom of hole for the tree to stand upon. Where only a few trees are to be planted in sod, or where the ground has not been sub-soiled, it has been my experience that the holes ought to be at least four feet wide. In planting the trees be careful about pruning the roots too much. Severely bruised roots are usually the only ones that

should be cut off. The stock of a tree should be made to stand in center of the hole. Cover the roots with good top soil. A little shaking of the tree up and down should be given so as to make the loose soil settle about the small rootlets upon which we depend for first growth. The hole can then be filled up and well packed with any soil. If the ground is quite poor a handful of bone meal put around each tree and about two inches under ground will prove a good starter. Having started the tree, you now must direct its growth. The first limb need not be over two feet from the ground, according to the best practice of this region. The limbs should be kept just out of the way of working under, so as to economize the work and expense of spraying and gathering the fruit. I like a five-branched tree, three branches on the sides and two on the top. The top ones should branch apart V-shape. But no two limbs should be directly opposite one another on trunk of tree. They should be four or five inches apart in height on the trunk. The reasons for such an arrangement of branches is that the tree when old



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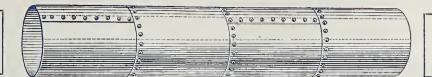
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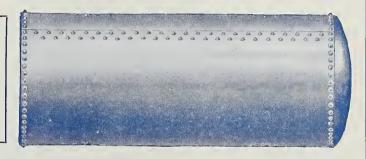


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